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Kumagaya didn't want to have anything to do with the people who knows the past him, but for some reason, Iao likes to get involved with him...?!

A clashing love with two disagreeable fellows. ♥



Kumagaya gave up his dream of becoming an athlete and found himself a job as a mover. At his workplace, he reunites with Iao, a schoolmate from high school. As usual, Iao is capable though arrogant, and is a weird guy that hides the fact that he dotes on a hamster.

DEAR+ COMICS

Hidamari to Bentou danshi to
Sore wa tabun itoshii tte koto

PRO
FILE

Minaduki Yuu

birthday

8.7

horoscope

Leo

blood type

O







That probably means I'm dear to you. YOU MEAN IT?

That probably means I'm dear to you.

maybe 1 003

maybe 2 039

maybe 3 073

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maybe 5 141

That definitely means I'm dear to you. 173

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SOREWATABUN
ITOSHIITTEKOTO

It's been 5 years since I found myself a job as a mover. There are many types of customers and well, of course, many issues that come with them...

I'M
SORRY!

HEY, THAT
BOX ISN'T
SUPPOSED TO
GO THERE.

ISN'T IT
WRITTEN
THERE THAT
IT'S SUP-
POSED TO BE
PLACED ON
THE SECOND
SHELF IN THE
BEDROOM?

However,

TABE
MOV

**ARE YOU
BLIND?!**

today's work is the worst.

HIS
INFURIATING
ATTITUDE
IS AS PER
USUAL...

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I never thought I'd be in charge of my ex-schoolmate's move.

SO YOU'RE THE
LEADER AND THE
OTHER GUY'S A
PART-TIMER?

WORKING
THAT SLOWLY,
YET YOU CALL
YOURSELF A
PROFESSIONAL?

HIS NAME
WAS INO...
WASN'T
IT?

I FORGOT
HIS FIRST
NAME.

I'M SORRY,
I'LL QUICKEN
MY PACE...

YOU BETTER,
I'M A BUSY
PERSON.



lift

What's with
this guy?
The way he
says things
is so harsh.

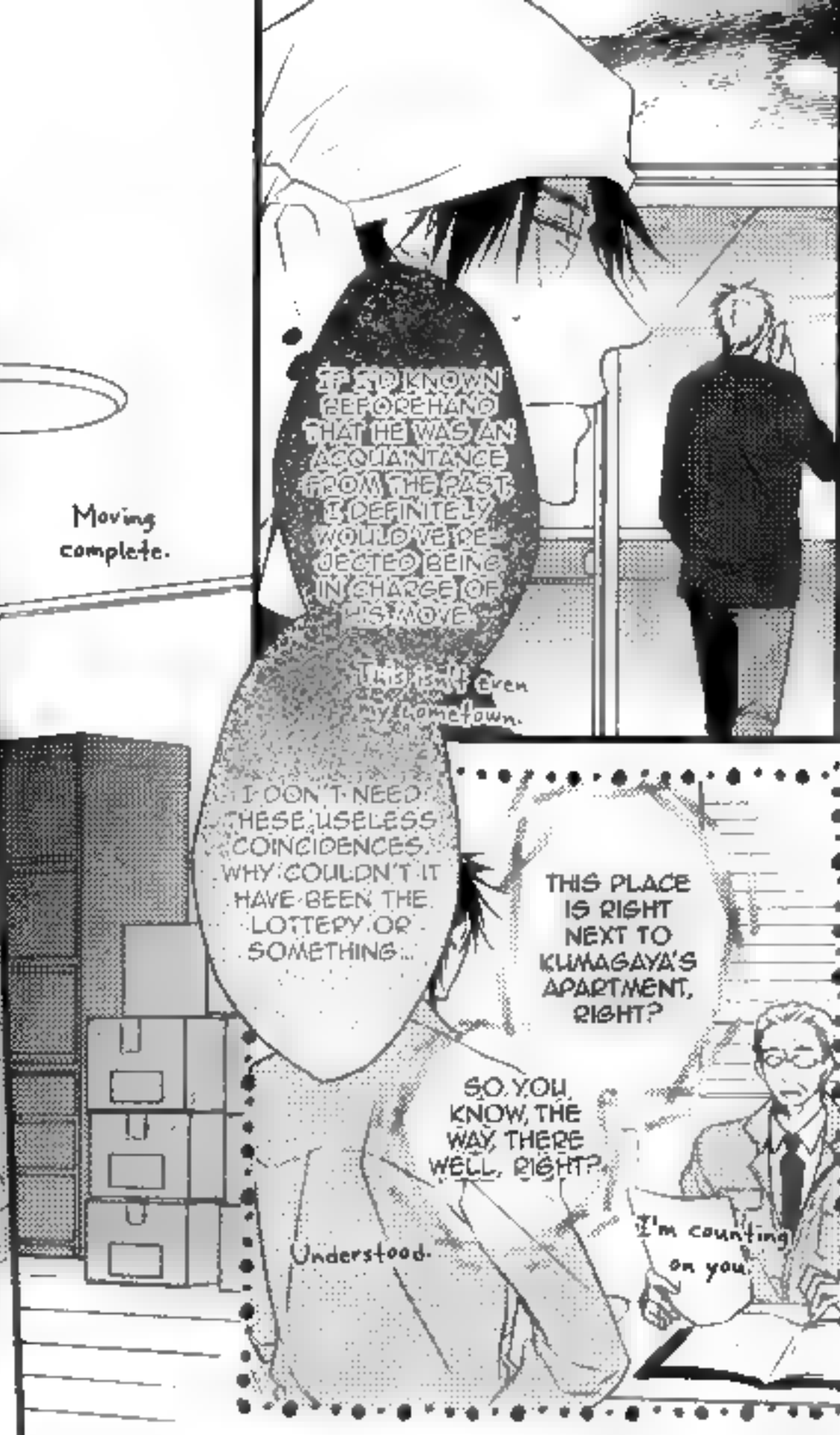
Whisper

So
scary...

He was totally
looking down
on us, too.

...HE'S
ALWAYS
BEEN LIKE
THAT.

Moving
complete.



IF I'D KNOWN
BEFOREHAND
THAT HE WAS AN
ACQUAINTANCE
FROM THE PAST,
I DEFINITELY
WOULD'VE RE-
JECTED BEING
IN CHARGE OF
HIS MOVE.

This isn't even
my hometown.

I DON'T NEED
THESE USELESS
COINCIDENCES.
WHY COULDN'T IT
HAVE BEEN THE
LOTTERY OR
SOMETHING...

THIS PLACE
IS RIGHT
NEXT TO
KUMAGAYA'S
APARTMENT,
RIGHT?

SO YOU
KNOW, THE
WAY, THERE
WELL, RIGHT?

Understood.



I'm counting
on you.



EH?

I'll go do the
final checks.

DON'T
WANNA!

HE DOESN'T
REMEMBER
ME ANYWAY.

I DON'T WANT
HIM TO START
REMEMBERING
ME, SO IF HE
TALKS TO YOU,
JUST REPLY
WHATEVER
TO HIM.

OH MY
GOD!

KUMA-SAN,
ARE YOU
FRIENDS
WITH HIM?!

NOPE.

Don't make
a fuss
about it.

WE WERE IN
THE SAME
CLASS
DURING HIGH
SCHOOL.
I WAS BAD
AT DEALING
WITH HIM,
TOO...



HE WAS CAPABLE
AND GOT EXCELLENT
GRADES, WHICH WAS
WHY THE TEACHERS
LOVED HIM.

BUT, BECAUSE OF HIS
ATTITUDE AND THE WAY
HE SPOKE, HE WAS
AVOIDED BY THE
OTHER STUDENTS.

I'VE BARELY
EVER TALKED TO
HIM BEFORE,
TOO.

After
10 years,
faces and
names had
gradually
faded
from my
memory.

Ino,
however,
had made
such an
impact
that he
stayed on
my mind.

1-of-term
exam rankings

1. Ino Yasuyuki 6
2. Tateno Mitsuo 6
3. Kuwahara Erina 6
4. Takano Yoshie 6
5. Minekishi Takuya 6



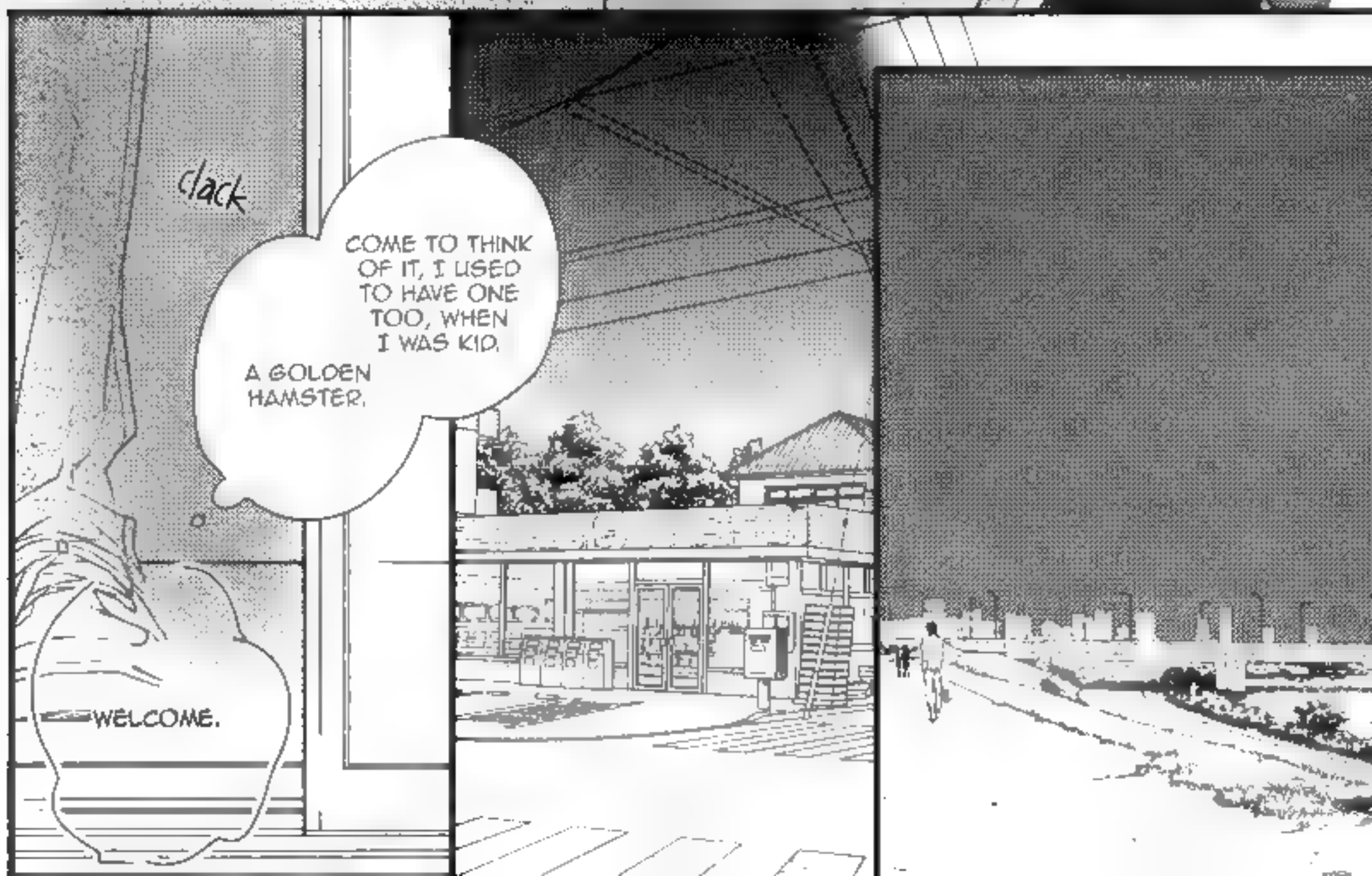
SEEMS LIKE
THIS IS THE
LAST OF
THE STUFF.

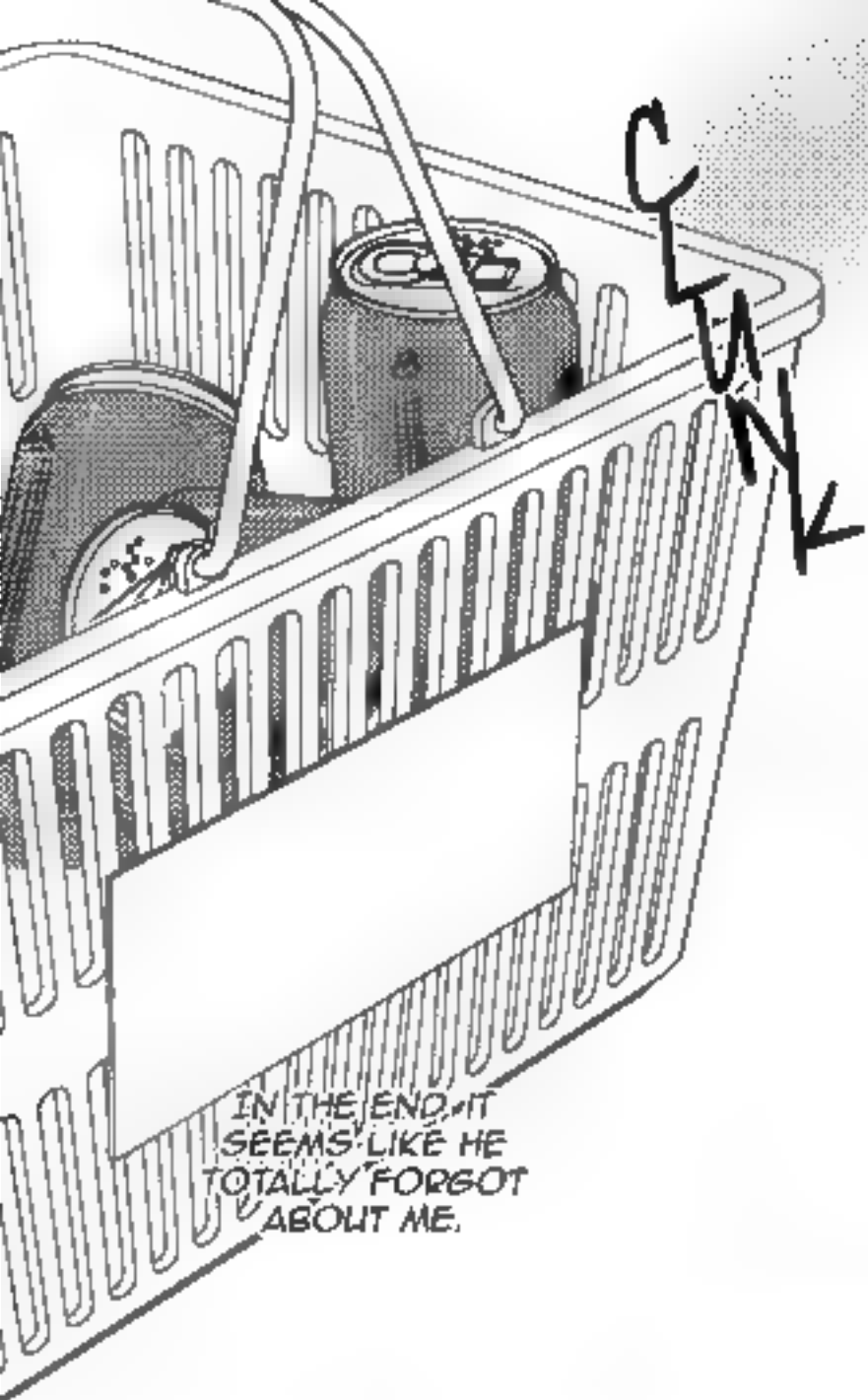
DON'T TOUCH
THAT...!



No problems
in the hall...







IN THE END, IT
SEEMS LIKE HE
TOTALLY FORGOT
ABOUT ME.



WOW, I
ACCIDENTALLY
STARED AT
IT TOO
INTENSELY...

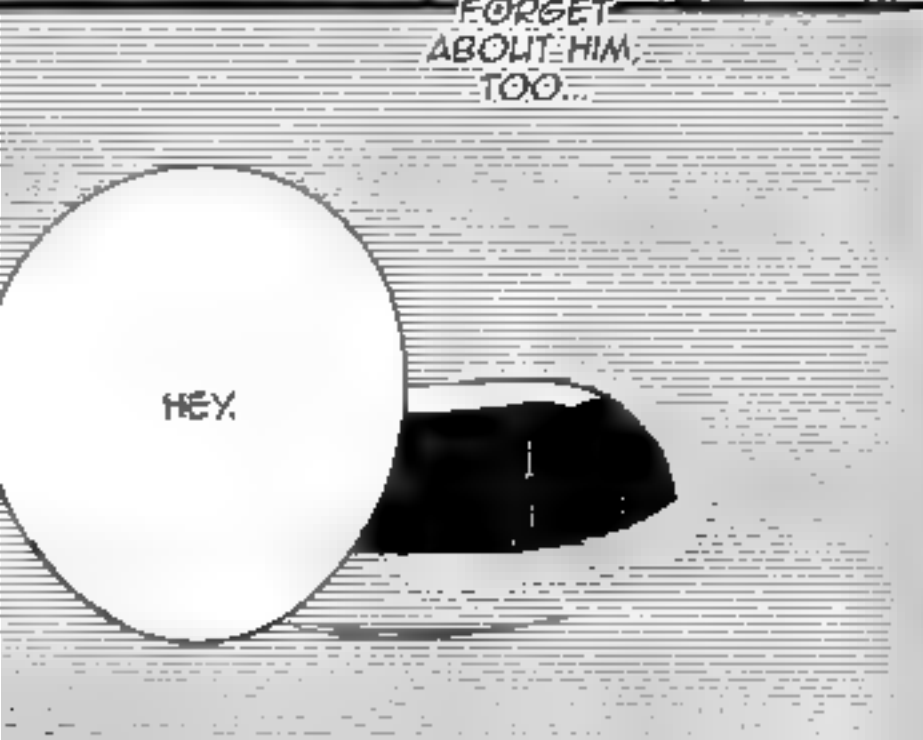
I WONDER
WHAT KIND
OF FACE THAT
ARROGANT
BASTARD
HAS WHEN
HE TAKES
CARE OF
IT.

There were
too many
things to
make fun
of...



EVEN THOUGH WE
LIVE IN THE SAME
NEIGHBOURHOOD,
THE CHANCES OF
US MEETING ARE
PROBABLY LOW,
SO...

I SHOULD
FORGET
ABOUT HIM,
TOO...



HEY.

I'M GLAD...



TO HIM, A
CLASSMATE
FROM THE
PAST IS
PROBABLY...

...NO MORE
THAN...

...SMALL STONES ON
THE ROADSIDE. OR
POTATOES ROLLING
IN A FIELD.







...I wonder...

JUST CLARIFYING,
BUT IT'S NOT
LIKE I ONLY HAVE
ANIMALS TO TALK
TO, GOT IT?

...HUH?

IS IT WEIRD
FOR A SINGLE
MAN TO KEEP
A HAMSTER?



DASH

WELL THEN,
I'M GOING!

WHAT'S WITH
THIS GUY?
THIS IS BAD.

NO, I
DON'T
KNOW...

NO, BUT LIKE
HAMSTER...?
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT HE WANTS!

MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
THAT GUY
JUST CAME UP
AND TALKED
TO ME.

DID I DO
SOMETHING
TO HIM?

AND ALSO,

THE CHANCES OF
US MEETING IS
RARE MY ASS

HE'S RIGHT
WITHIN MY
EVERYDAY
LIFE!

I accidentally
ran away

Ha

Ha

It's
mysterious,
but...

...the more
you don't like
something,
the more it
happens.

That convenience
store is the only
one in the
neighborhood!

I forgot to
buy my beer!

Ever since
then, I ended up
encountering
him countless
times.

For some
reason,
I got chased
every time
he sees me.

Wait!

QUICK

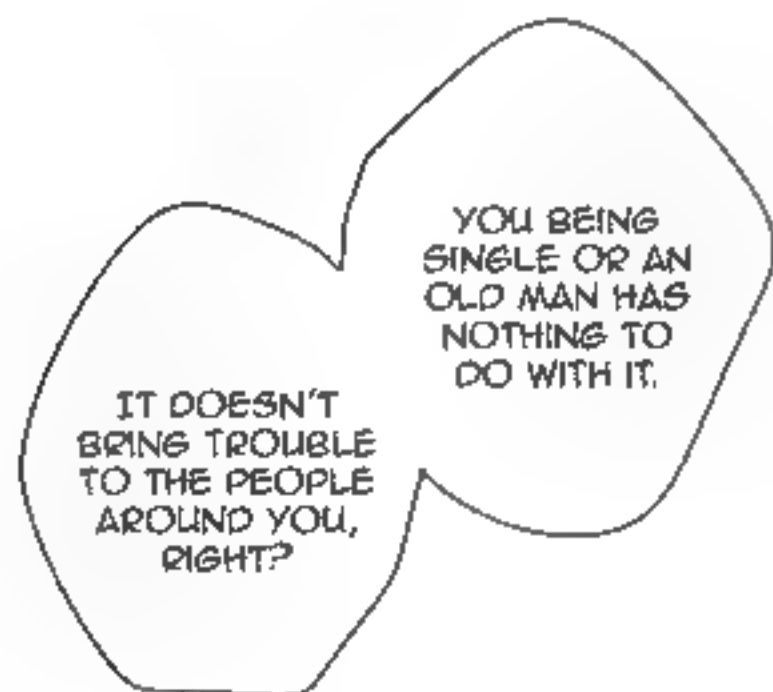
Hey!

Ah.

swift

ignore
ignore

Hurry up
and leave...







IT'S PURELY
A PROBLEM
DERIVED FROM
PREJUDICE OR
STEREOTYPES,
HUH?

Tabby Cat Moving Center
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HE HID IT, SO
THAT PEOPLE
WOULDN'T
THINK THAT
HE'S A LONELY
MAN, RIGHT?

HE SEEMS
LIKE A PERSON
WITH A HIGH
SENSE OF
PRIDE, AFTER
ALL.

I don't really
get it.

I WONDER
IF THAT'S
REALLY
THE
CASE...



JUST...
WHAT'S UP
WITH HIM...?



YOU'RE
PROBABLY
JUST HOPING
I'LL TREAT YOU
TO SOMETHING,
RIGHT,
KAMEYAMA?

I'M NOT SO
WEAK THAT
I'D NEED
PROTECTION
FROM A KID.

Idiot.

If you'd like,
I could walk you
home? As a
bodyguard.



Since I got
found out, how
about we go
drinking?

IN THAT CASE,
I'LL BE LEAVING
FIRST. DON'T BE
LATE TOMORROW,
GOT IT?



YOU HAD
IT ROUGH,
HUH?

KUMA-SAN,
YOU'RE
DEFINITELY
GOING TO
GET AM-
BUSHEO!

...I HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM
RECENTLY,
ANYWAYS.
HE'S PROBABLY
HAD ENOUGH
ALREADY.

SUCH A
GOOD
READ
BUT

HE NEVER
TALKS
ABOUT
HIMSELF
AT ALL.

Well...

AS FOR ME,
THAT PART OF
KUMA-SAN IS
INTERESTING

AS USUAL,
HE HAS HIS
GUARD UP.

KUMASAYA
ISN'T ALL
THAT
SOCIAL, HUH?

SO THAT PEOPLE
WON'T THINK THAT
HE'S A LONELY
MAN...

Welcome.

WOULD CARE
ABOUT HOW
OTHERS
PERCEIVE
HIM?

I MEAN, LIKE
THAT'S MORE
OF A HUMAN
TRAIT.

I WONDER IF A
LION-KE MAN
THAT GOES HIS
OWN WAY...



THESE
WERE
THE
ONES...

...THAT INO
BOUGHT A
TON OF
PREVIOUSLY,
RIGHT?

Pudding extra rich in
whipped cream...



...DEFINITELY
NOT MY CUP
OF TEA.

I'D RECOM-
MEND THAT
PUDDING.

↑
Prefers liquor.



AH, THIS
ONE'S
SO-SO.

THE
AFTER-
TASTE
ISN'T
GOOD.

RIGHT...
I SEE.

Totally
not
listen-
ing...

WELL Ah...
THEN...
I'LL BE
GOING ON
AHEAD

GEEZ,
DON'T START
CONVERSATIONS
WITH ME SO
CASUALLY.

SHOCK

JUST
WHERE'D
HE COME
FROM?!

THE ÉCLAIR
FROM THE
SAME COMPANY
IS DELICIOUS,
TOO.





I REMEMBER
YOU WELL.

THE PEOPLE
AROUND ME...

...USED TO MAKE
A BIG FUSS ABOUT
YOU BECAUSE
YOU BROKE THE
RECORDS FOR
SHORT DISTANCE
RUNNING, AFTER
ALL.



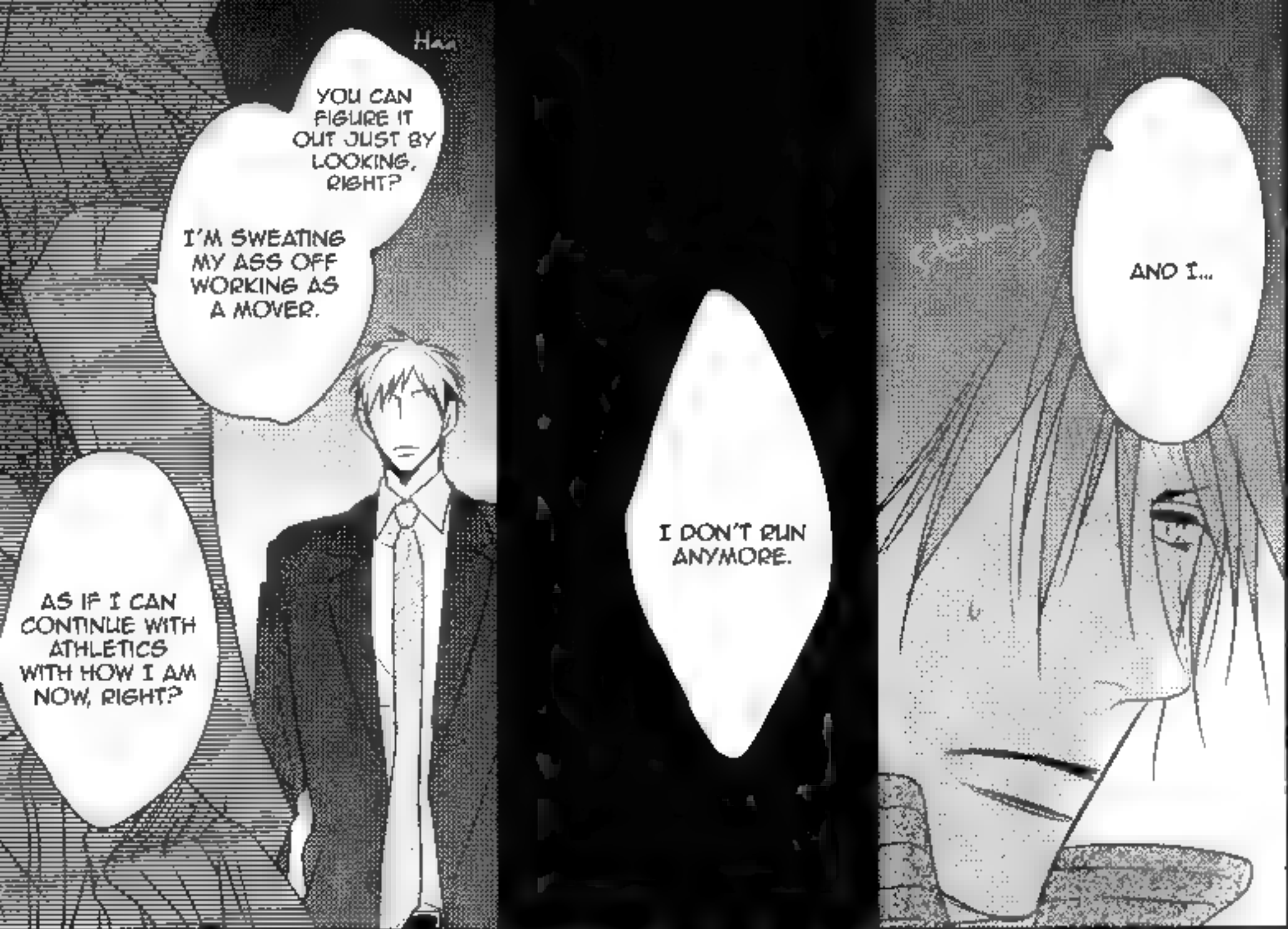
throb

throb



KUMAGAYA, DO
YOU NOT RUN
ANYMORE?





Han

YOU CAN
FIGURE IT
OUT JUST BY
LOOKING,
RIGHT?

I'M SWEATING
MY ASS OFF
WORKING AS
A MOVER.

AS IF I CAN
CONTINUE WITH
ATHLETICS
WITH HOW I AM
NOW, RIGHT?

I DON'T RUN
ANYMORE.

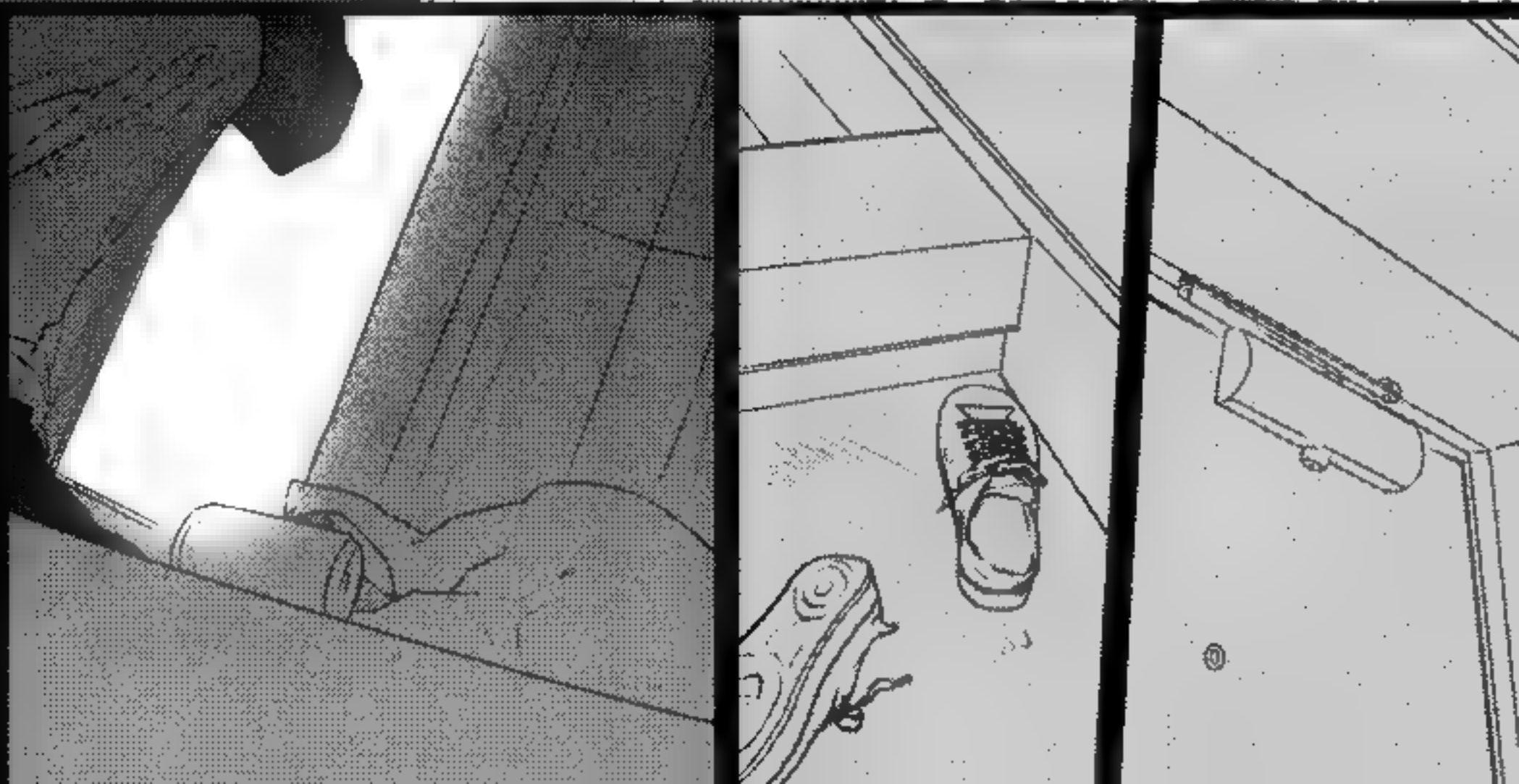
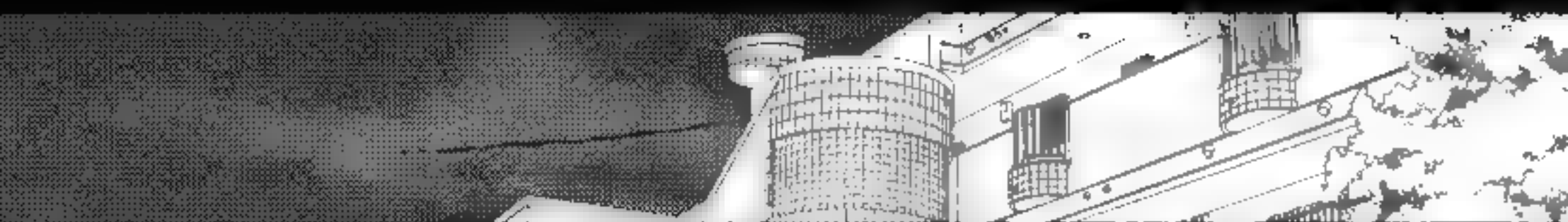
AND I...




WHY ARE
YOU ANGRY...

**SHUT
UP!!**


DON'T EVER
TALK TO ME
AGAIN...








EVEN THOUGH HE
SEEMED LIKE HE
DIDN'T HAVE ANY
INTEREST IN OTHER
PEOPLE.

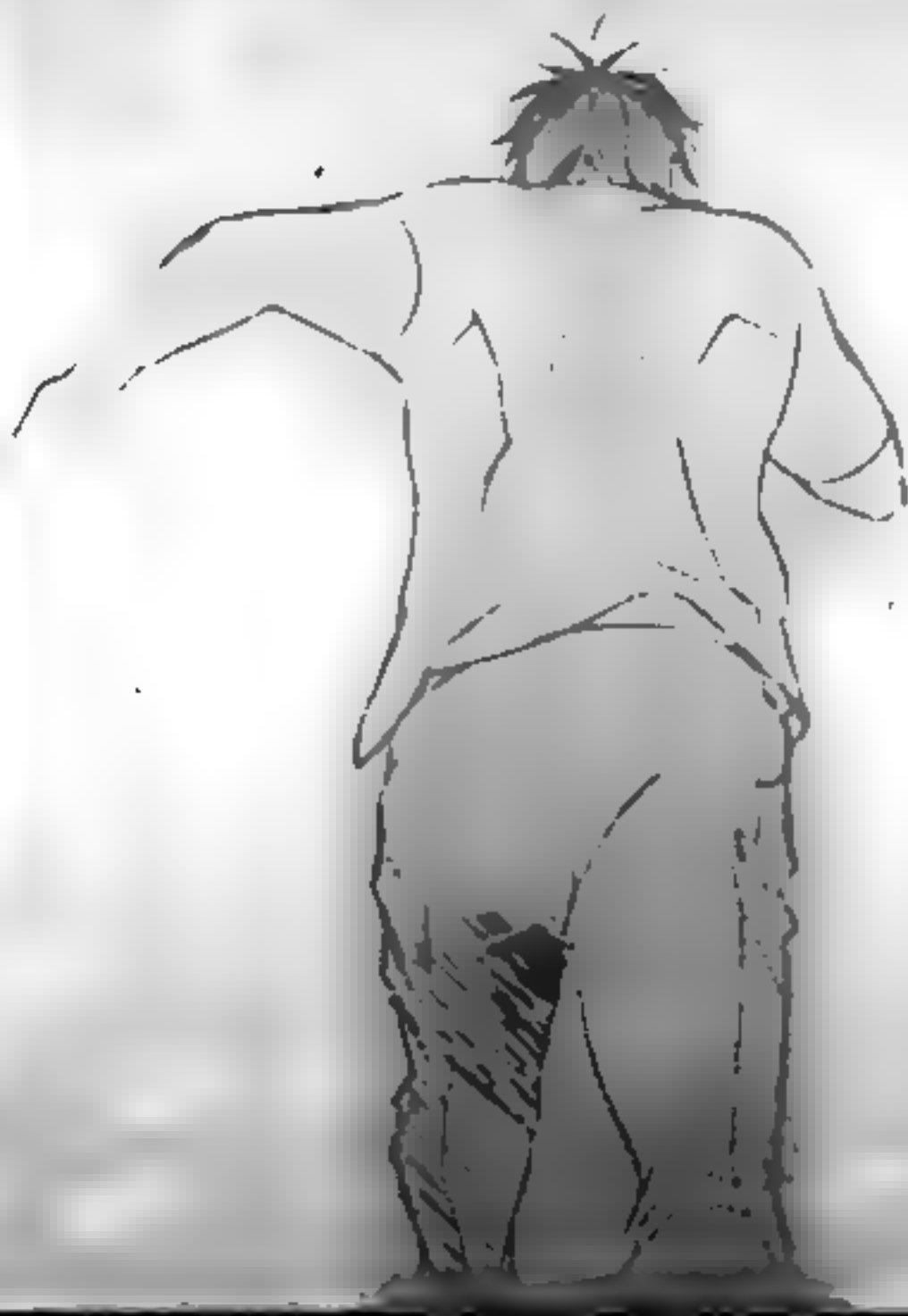


UNLIKE ME,
HE'S SMART, TOO.
HE'S PROBABLY
LIVING A SATIS-
FYING LIFE



and
looking
like he
was out
of the
world

These days were the best times of my life.



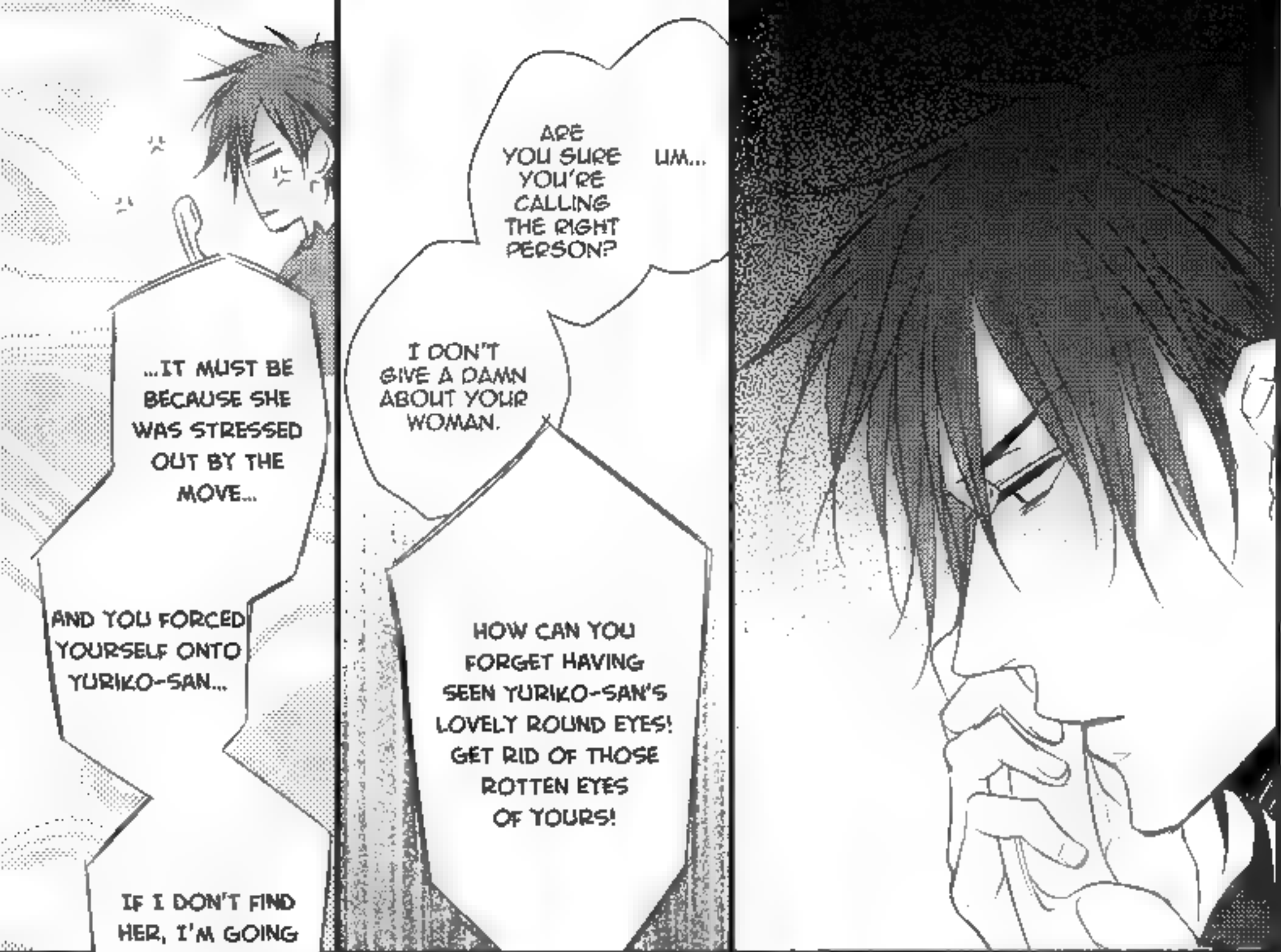
I...

AND I'M LIVING
SO AIMLESSLY,
JUST WHAT AM
I DOING WITH
MY LIFE?

I'M
ALREADY
27.

SIGH





ARE
YOU SURE
YOU'RE
CALLING
THE RIGHT
PERSON? UM...

...IT MUST BE
BECAUSE SHE
WAS STRESSED
OUT BY THE
MOVE...

I DON'T
GIVE A DAMN
ABOUT YOUR
WOMAN.

HOW CAN YOU
FORGET HAVING
SEEN YURIKO-SAN'S
LOVELY ROUND EYES!
GET RID OF THOSE
ROTTEN EYES
OF YOURS!

AND YOU FORCED
YOURSELF ONTO
YURIKO-SAN...

IF I DON'T FIND
HER, I'M GOING
TO COMPLAIN
ABOUT YOUR
COMPANY...

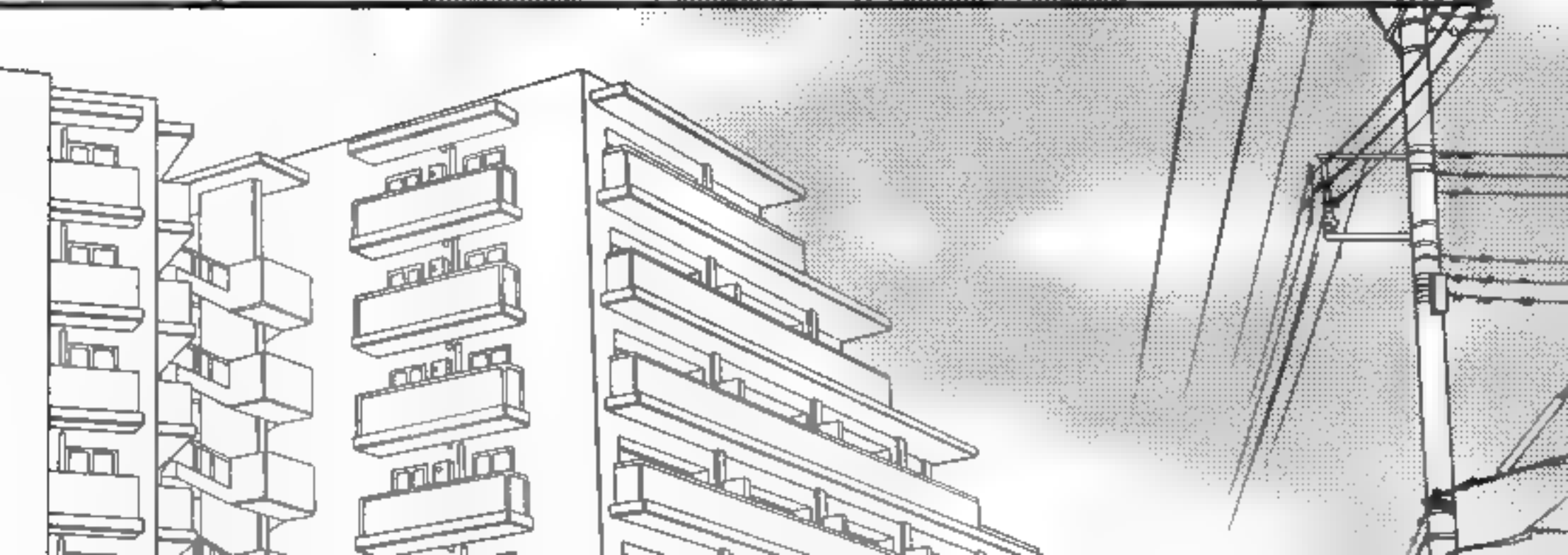
SLAM



FOR NOW,
JUST GO.

point

...HE'S
TOTALLY
GOING TO
COMPLAIN,
HUH?



HEY, DON'T
RAISE YOUR
FEET WHEN
YOU WALK!
WHAT IF YOU
STEP ON
YURIKO-SAN!

JUST
HURRY UP
AND START
LOOKING!

YOU'RE
SO DUMB!

Yuriko-san...

Ah... I
want to
kick him...

And how
about your
work?

...DESPITE
HOW I
LOOK, I'M
BUSY...

DON'T GO
CALLING ME
OUT JUST
BECAUSE OF
A HAMSTER.

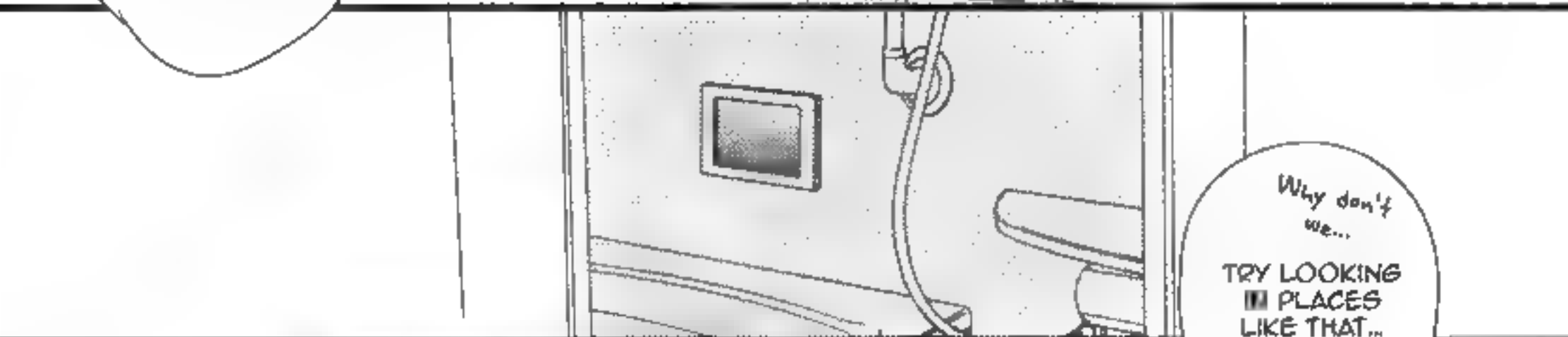
Tch.


SO EVEN
A GUY THAT
SCORES FULL
MARKS ON
TESTS LIKE
YOU CAN
MAKE SUCH
A STUPID
MISTAKE
LIKE THIS.

It's
hilarious...

...IT'S
BECAUSE
I WAS
THINKING...

...ABOUT
WHAT YOU...





WHAT?

NO... I
WAS JUST
THINKING
ABOUT HOW
MUCH YOU
DOTE ON IT.

SO YOU
LIKE
ANIMALS?



I'M GLAD
YOU'RE
SAFE...

YURIKO-
SAN...



AS A
RESULT...

WELL... SHE
DOES SOOTHE
ME THOUGH.

...NOT IN
PARTI-
CULAR.

SHE WAS
JUST PUSHED
ONTO ME BY A
REGULAR FROM
MY PREVIOUS
WORKPLACE.

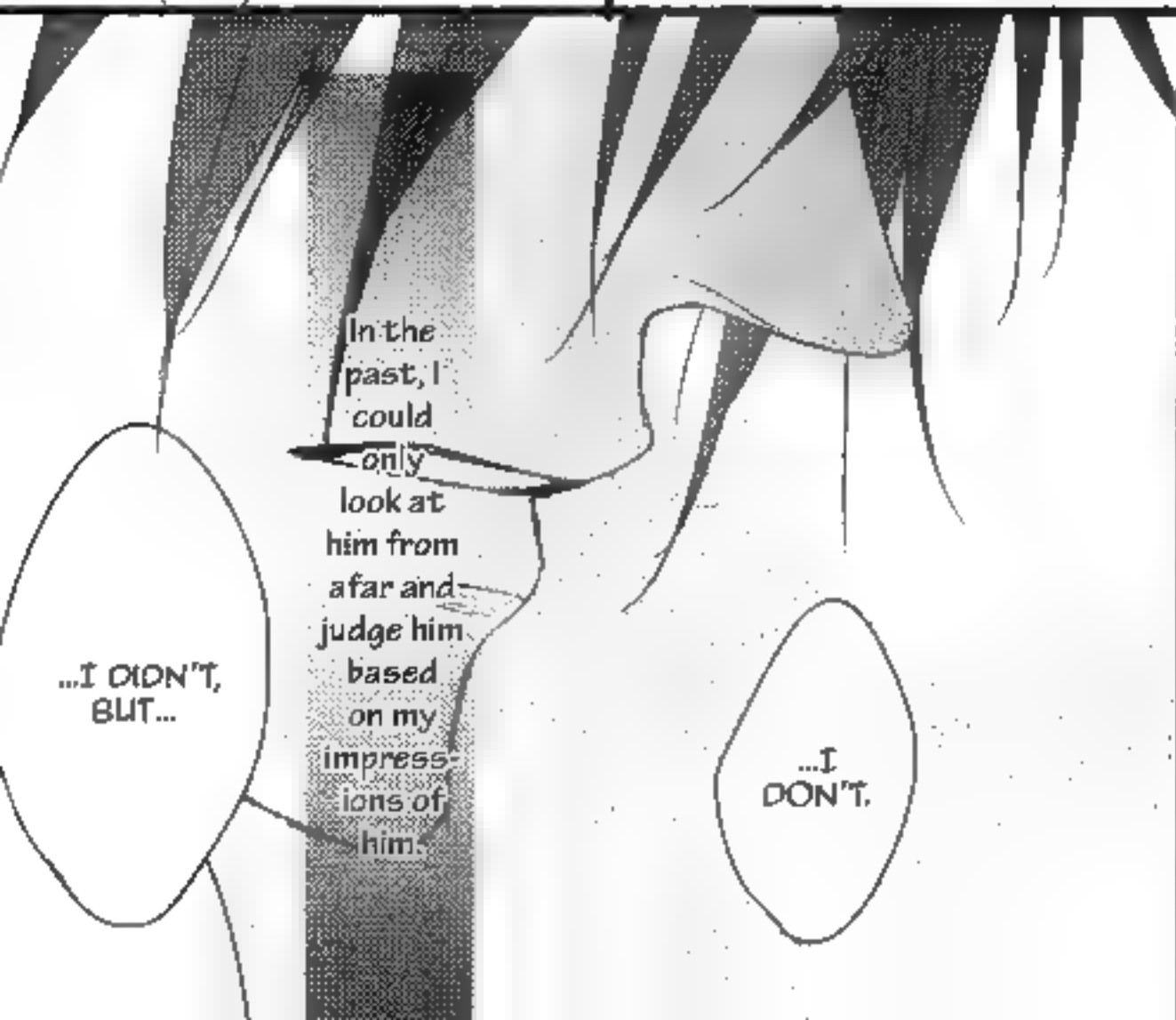
NO MATTER THE
CIRCUMSTANCES,
ONCE YOU'VE
DECIDED ON TAKING
CARE OF IT, THE
RESPONSIBILITY
WILL FOLLOW,
RIGHT?



NO MATTER
WHO,

AS LONG
AS PEOPLE
LIVE, THEY GET
TIRED, RIGHT?

SO EVEN
YOU THINK
ABOUT WANT-
ING TO BE
SOOTHED?



...I DIDN'T,
BUT...

In the
past, I
could
only
look at
him from
afar and
judge him
based
on my
impress-
ions of
him.

...I
DON'T.



Hah.

WHAT'S WITH
THAT FACE?
EVEN THOUGH
YOU HELD NO
INTEREST IN ME
AT ALL.



I DID WONDER
A LITTLE BIT...

ABOUT WHAT
KIND OF PERSON
YOU REALLY
ARE...



HEY,
KUMAGAYA.

COME WITH ME
FOR A LITTLE
BIT.



fwip

SEE
YOU.

'CAUSE YOU
SEEMED TO
BE GOOD AT
SEARCHING FOR
ANIMALS.

YOU...

RATHER
THAN BEING A
MOVER, WHY
DON'T YOU
TRY BEING A
DETECTIVE?

MM...?

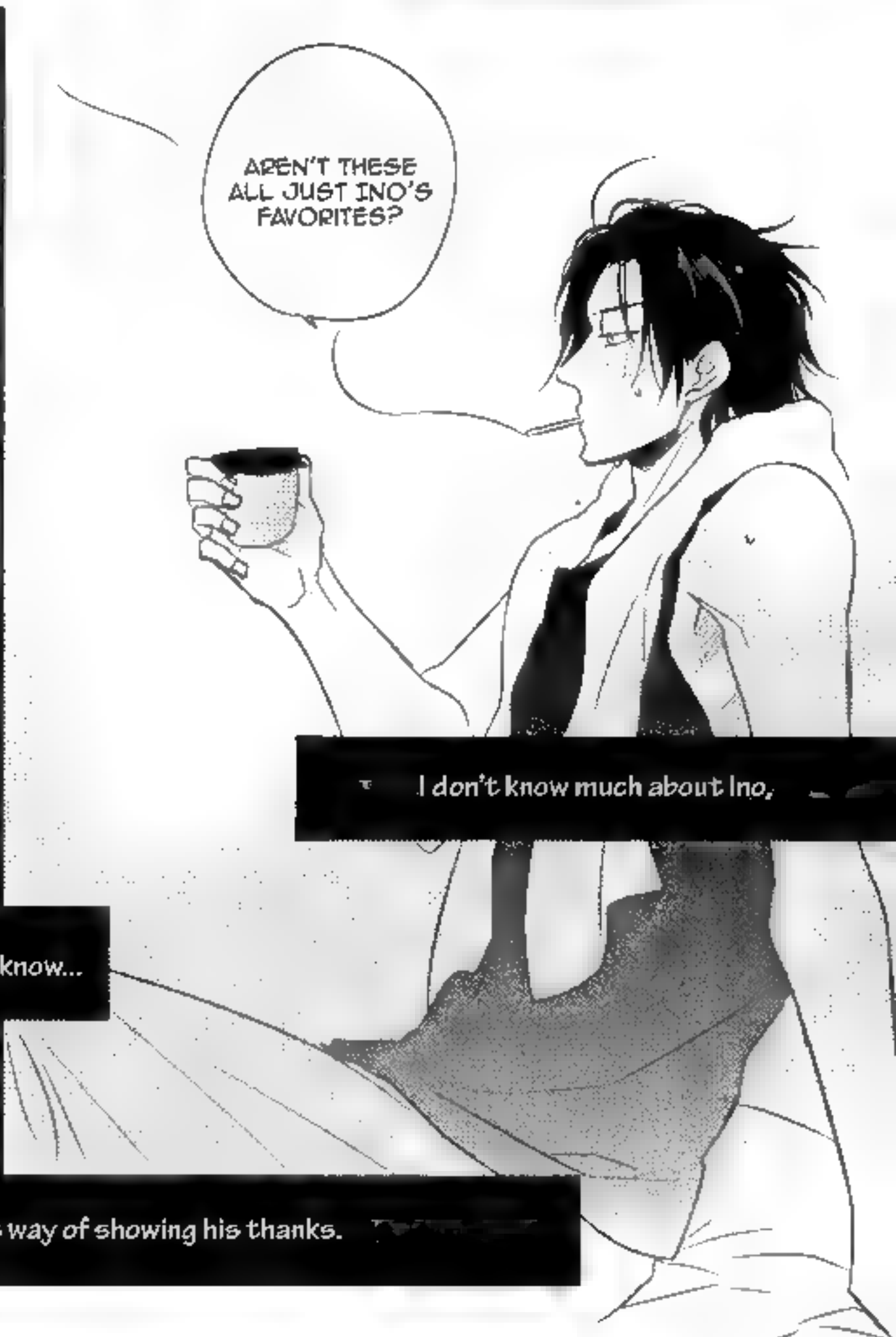
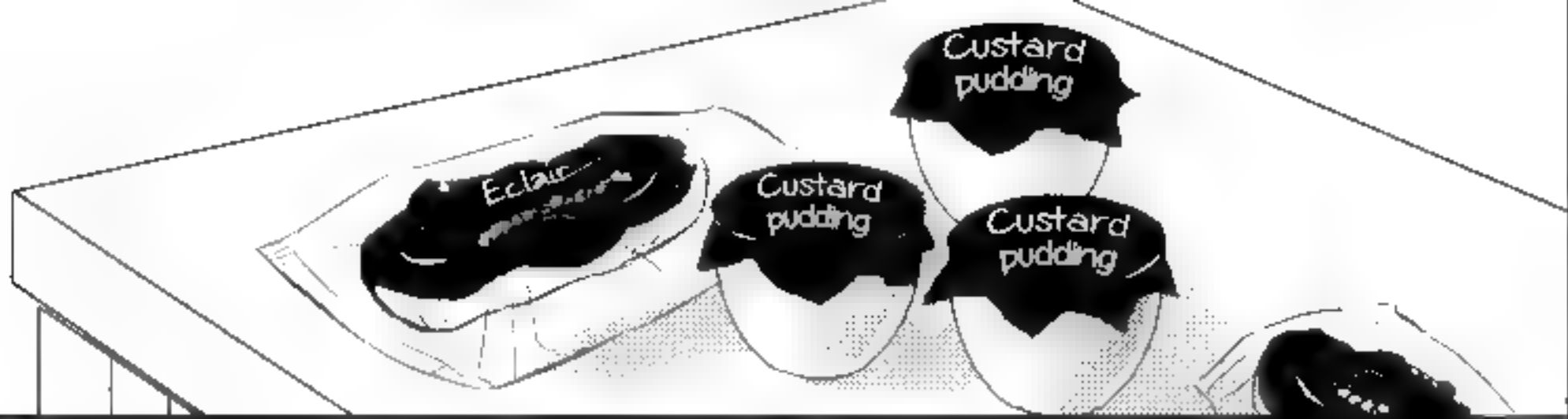
HERE
YOU GO.

EH?
HEY!

HUM?

Rustle





AREN'T THESE
ALL JUST INO'S
FAVORITES?

I don't know much about Ino,

but I do know...

...that this is probably his way of showing his thanks.



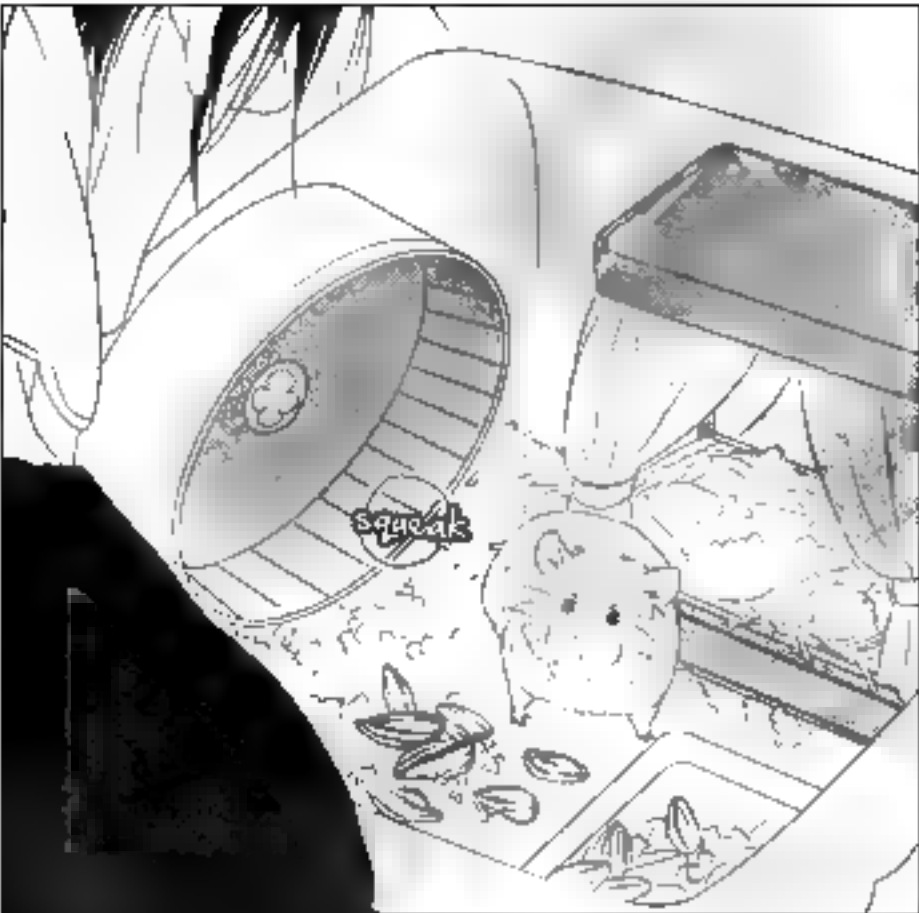
HE'S
AWKWARD.



...RATHER
THAN HARD
TO UNDER-
STAND,
IT'S MORE
LIKE...



SO SWEET...



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humble

HEY.

HE'S A
NEWCOMER,
AND YET THE
WAY HE DOES
THINGS IS SO
ANNOYING.

AH...
INO,
RIGHT?

THAT GUY THAT
JUST CAME FROM
THE MAIN OFFICE,
WHAT'S HE LIKE?

HE DOES
THEM WELL
TOO, SO IT
PISSES ME
OFF EVEN
MORE.

MILK
CHOCOLATE

MOVING FROM
THE OVERSEAS
DIVISION TO
OUR PRODUCT
DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT... I
WONDER JUST
WHAT KIND OF
BLUNDER DID
HE MAKE?

CLACK

FORMER.

A FORMER
ELITE,
RIGHT?

HAHAHA

CREAK

WHO
KNOWS...

I DON'T KNOW
HOW GOOD
THAT ELITE
ACTUALLY IS,
BUT HE'S
DEFINITELY
BEING HATED
ON BY THE
HIGHER-UPS.

marble 2







In reality,
we're not
friends,
but we're
not exactly
strangers
either.

rattle

We're ex-
schoolmates
which makes
us somewhat
close but
not really...



SHUT UP!!



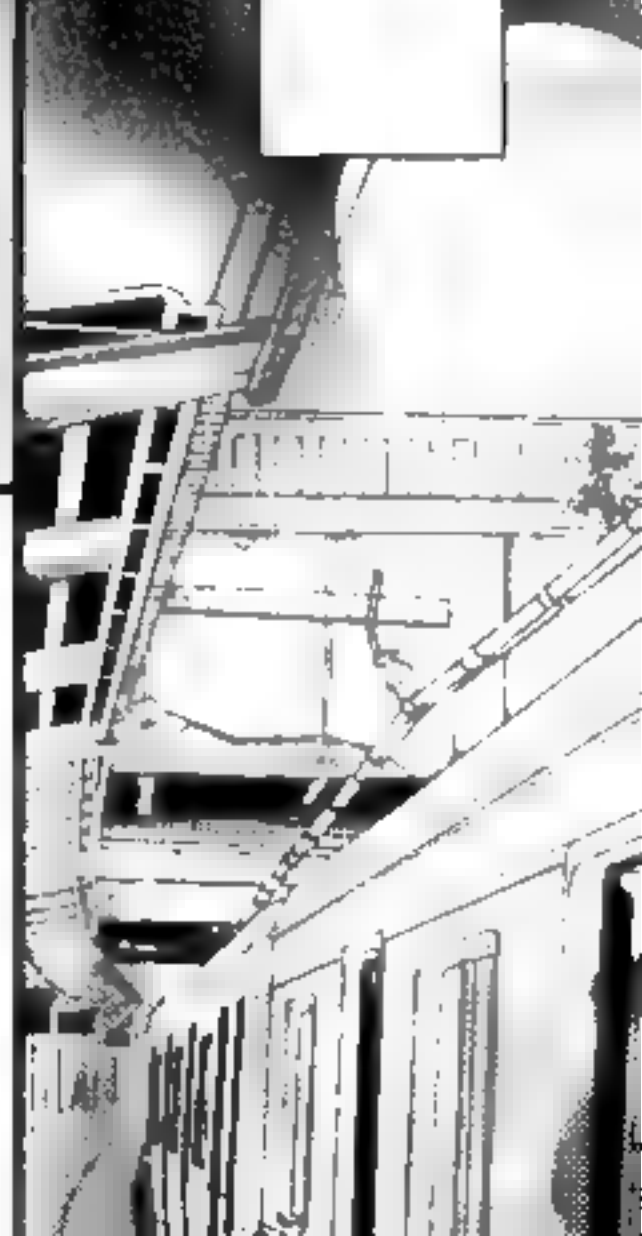
DON'T TALK
TO ME EVER
AGAIN...

Do you
get it?
This vague
sense of
distance.

LETTING MY
ANGER OUT ON
HIM WAS PROBABLY
MEANINGLESS
THOUGH.

AFTER I ESCAPED
FROM THAT SITUATION,
THAT MATTER WAS LEFT
UNSETTLED, BUT...

I WONDER WHAT
INO THOUGHT
ABOUT IT?





Even
so, I'm
just...





Uwah...

ALL YOU HAVE IS MEAT AND PUDDING...

twitch

OR GO A DIFFERENT WAY HOME.

EXACTLY, THAT'S WHY I'M TELLING YOU TO WALK BEHIND ME.

REALLY, JUST WHAT'S WITH YOU...?

bam bam bam

I SHOULDN'T TELL YOU THIS, BUT

IT'S NOT A PROBLEM SINCE I TAKE THESE SUPPLEMENTS FOR THE PERFECT NUTRIENT INTAKE!

Unlike you!!

KAMEYAMA, WHAT'S UP?
I'M AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE NEAR MY HOUSE... IS THERE SOME KIND OF PROBLEM?

WELL, SORT OF! I JUST HAD A FIGHT WITH MY GIRLFRIEND!

And I'm super depressed right now...

YES.

KUMA-SAN, WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST HONESTLY SAY THAT YOU HATE VEGETABLES AND FISH...

HOW HYPOCRITICAL OF YOU TO BE CRITICISING ME WHEN YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO LIVES OFF ALCOHOL, CIGARETTES, AND SNACKS.

BRAGGING



Sometimes
you should let
your cute
kouhai whine
to you!



I found
Kuma-san!

You're
really
here...

WELL, AH... I
I GUESS SEE.
YOU CAN GO
STRAIGHT
HOME AND
JUST SLEEP
IT OFF?

DON'T SAY THAT!
I'M NEAR YOUR
HOUSE RIGHT
NOW, SO...

AH.



I'm sorry,
but please
refrain from
complaining
about our
company.

THIS IS
JUST HOW
HE IS...

IT'S SEEMS
LIKE YOUR
COMPANY
TRAINS YOUR
EMPLOYEES
WELL...

f u m p



Can't I
stay over at
your place?

CAN YOU
GO STRAIGHT
HOME AFTER
DRINKING...?

HEY, I'LL
TREAT YOU
TONIGHT, SO
IT'S FINE,
RIGHT?

And you're
being too
loud!

No.



Inocchi!

It's
been a
while!



I'm going to
drink away
my sorrows at
Kuma-san's
house!



IS IT
WORK...?

WELL, I
GUESS HE
HAS IT
TOUGH
HAVING TO
DEAL WITH
IT SO LATE.

LIKE I
SAID, THE
PERSON-IN-
CHARGE...

YES.

HUH...?
WHAT'S
WRONG...?

A MISTAKE
IN THE
ORDERS?
THAT
SHOULDN'T
BE...

Geez,
that Mari
really does
get angry
easily!

HEY...
ARE YOU
LISTENING?
KUMA-SAN!

AND
YEAH



I
UNDER-
STAND
THE
SITUATION
IMMEDI-
ATELY

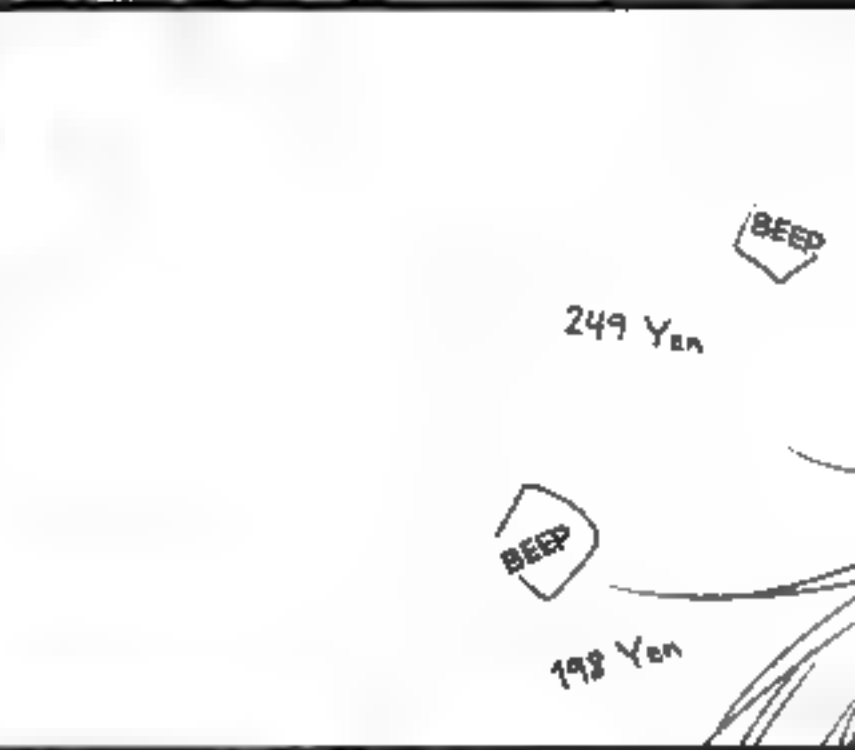
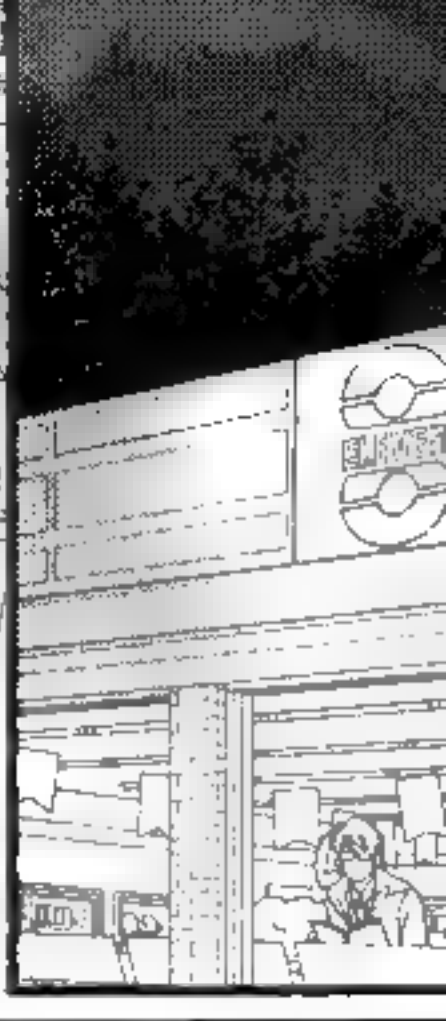
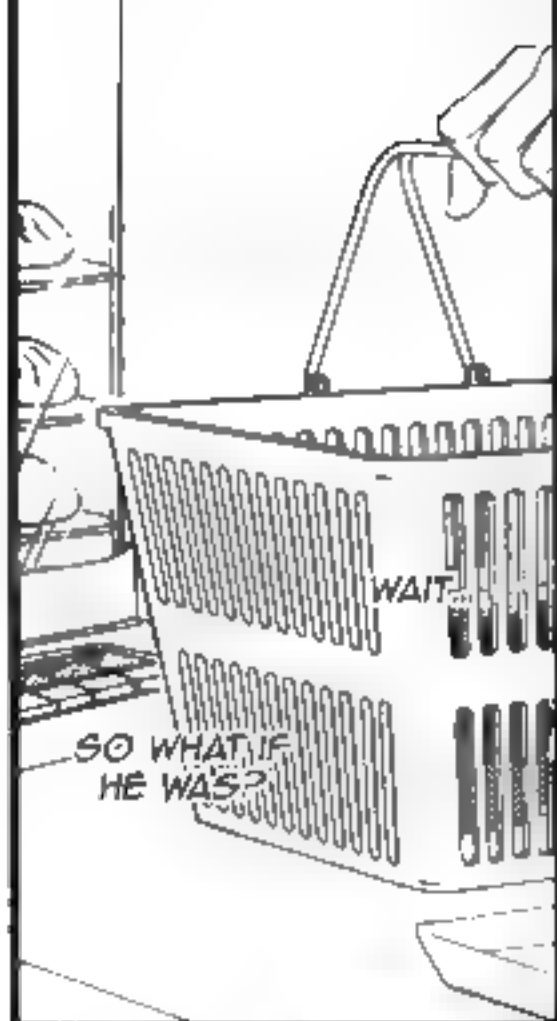
...IT HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH ME.

Well I
guess

or how
tough his
troubles
seem
to be,

The sort of
work that
Ino does.







SERIOUSLY...?
WHAT IS HE
DOING?

WAIT, HE GETS
LIKE THIS JUST
AFTER TWO CANS
OF BEER?

NO, MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
IT'S GOING TO BE
DECEMBER SOON,
DOES HE WANT
TO DIE...?



...I-INO...?



I CAN'T DEAL
WITH THIS SHIT.



HEY, INO,
WAKE
UP...

INOOO?

INO-SAN?

shake

shake

rumble



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
NOT LIKE
ME...? JUST
WHO DO YOU
THINK I AM...

C'MON,
WALK
PROPERLY.

COLLAPSING
IN FRONT OF A
STORE, DON'T
DO SUCH A
PATHETIC
THING.

IT'S
NOT
LIKE
YOU.



I SEE...

I THOUGHT
THE SAME,
TOO...

LET'S
SEE...

I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
A STRONG
GUY...

...THAT
COULD DO
ANYTHING
BY HIM-
SELF.







TO BE HONEST,
THAT WAS THE
MOST UNBEARABLE
THING ABOUT THE
ENTIRE SITUATION...

SINCE IT MEANT
THAT EVER SINCE I
ENTERED THE COM-
PANY, THERE WAS
NO ONE WHO
TRUSTED ME.

WELL...
WHATEVER,
I DON'T
CARE.

IT'S
JUST
THAT...

THE PEOPLE
AROUND ME
SHOULD'VE
KNOWN THAT
IT WASN'T MY
FAULT.

BUT EVEN SO, THERE
WAS NO ONE WHO
WAS WILLING TO
COVER FOR ME...



IT'D BE GOOD
IF... YOU WERE
MORE MISER-
ABLE THAN
ME.

THAT WAS
WHAT I HAD
THOUGHT.



DURING MY
STUDENT DAYS,
AS LONG AS MY
RESULTS WERE
GOOD, I WAS
ABLE TO THINK
THAT I WAS
ALWAYS RIGHT,
NO MATTER WHAT
ANYONE SAID.

I DIDN'T FEEL
THE NEED TO
MAKE AN
EFFORT TO
CONFORM TO
THE PEOPLE
AROUND ME.

BUT AFTER
I ENTERED
SOCIETY, I
REALIZED
THAT...

SO I
INTENDED TO
CHANGE MY
ATTITUDE IN
MY OWN WAY.

I HAD TO PUT
ON AIRS JUST
SO I COULD
PROTECT MY
OWN PRIDE.



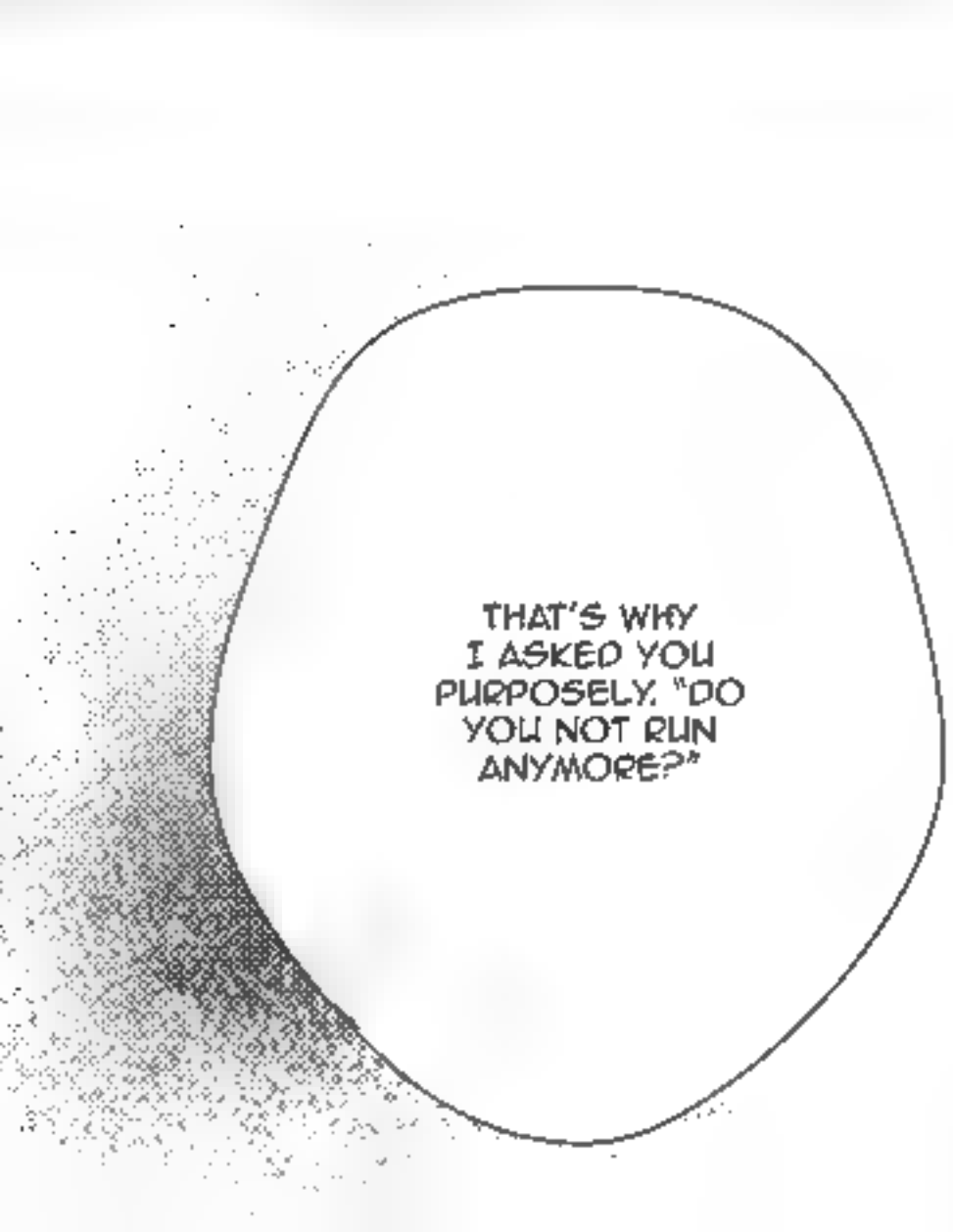
I KNOW THAT
YOU HAD TO
QUIT ATHLETICS
BECAUSE OF
AN ACCIDENT
DURING UNIVER-
SITY.

Hey.

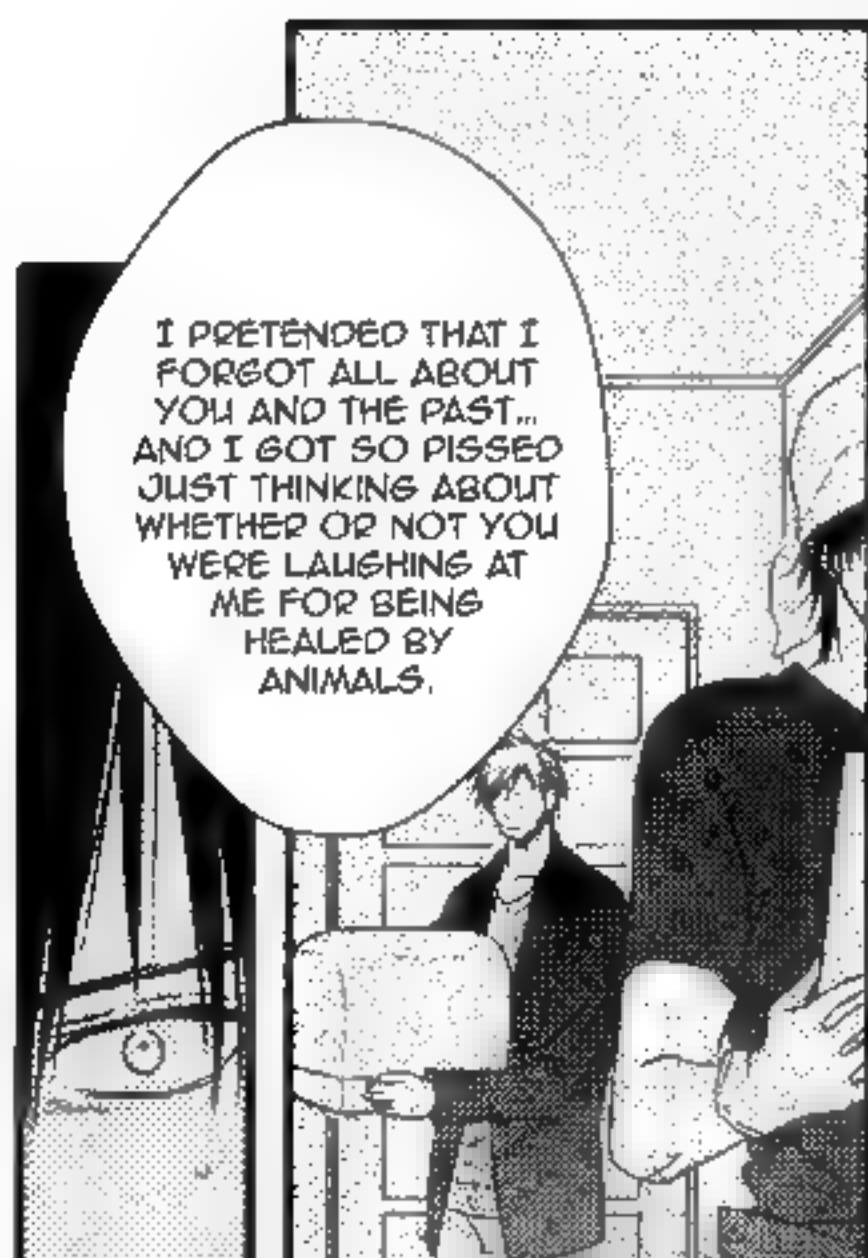
WHAT
ARE YOU
TRYING TO
SAY...?

PEOPLE HAD HIGH
EXPECTATIONS OF
YOU FOR THE
OLYMPICS... YET
NOW, YOU'RE SE-
CLUDING YOUR-
SELF DOING
STUFF LIKE
THIS...

HUH?



THAT'S WHY
I ASKED YOU
PURPOSELY. "DO
YOU NOT RUN
ANYMORE?"



I PRETENDED THAT I
FORGOT ALL ABOUT
YOU AND THE PAST...
AND I GOT SO PISSED
JUST THINKING ABOUT
WHETHER OR NOT YOU
WERE LAUGHING AT
ME FOR BEING
HEALED BY
ANIMALS.

I FELT
TERRIBLE.

BUT AT
THE SAME
TIME,

THAT'S RIGHT. I
WAS RELIEVED
TO SEE YOUR
HURT FACE.

HAHA!

YOU'RE
THE
WORST
!

What's with
that...?

...WHAT HAD I
WANTED TO
DO...?

JUST...

6

AH... I SEE.

RIGHT NOW THIS GUY IS...

THE TRIALS
THIS TIME WAS
UNFORTUNATE,
BUT AS LONG
AS YOU DO
YOUR REHABI-
LITATION AND
START AGAIN...

I'VE ALWAYS
SEEN...

IT'S
ALREADY
IMPOSSI-
BLE

If I just
ran away
from it all,
I'm sure
no one
would've
said
anything.

IF ONLY THAT
ACCIDENT HADN'T
HAPPENED...

IN A SPORT LIKE
SHORT-DISTANCE
RUNNING WHERE
WE RIGT DOWN
TO THE DEC-
IMALS, EVEN
COACH DOESN'T
THINK THAT EV-
ERYTHING WILL
WORK OUT JUST
BY DOING THE
REHABILITATION,
RIGHT?

SOMETHING'S PROBABLY WRONG WITH ME.

KEY.

IT'S BECAUSE I GOT DRUNK, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T USUALLY GET DRUNK FROM JUST THIS.

SHALL I
COMFORT
YOU?





YOU'D PROBABLY
FEEL BETTER
GETTING SUCKED
OFF, BUT THAT'S A
BIT TOO MUCH
FOR ME, SO
JUST BEAR WITH
MY HAND.

ARE
YOU AN
IDIOT...?



IF YOU
DON'T LIKE
HOSTESSES,
THEN YOU'LL
JUST HAVE
TO PUT UP
WITH ME.

HUH...?

AT TIMES
LIKE THIS,
IT'S EASIER
TO JUST NOT
THINK ABOUT
ANYTHING
AT ALL.

CLINK



JUST CLOSE
YOUR EYES
AND IMAGINE
A WOMAN OR
SOMETHING.

hold

OI,
STOP
IT.

...YOU'RE
PRETTY BIG.



stroke

stroke



あー

Roll

HOLD ON

What?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
I'M FINE HERE

SLIP

SEE?

stroke

IF YOU INTEND
TO COMFORT
ME, THEN GET
■ THE MOOD



stroke

Haa

Haa

stroke

DAMN, I
HAVEN'T
BEEN
JACKING
OFF
LATELY,
SO...

jolt

NOT
BAD...

IT
FEELS
PRETTY
GOOD...

UGH...

stroke

Haha

YOUR FACE
LOOKS GREAT,
KUMAGAYA...

IT'S QUITE
A TURN
ON.

blush

SHUT
UP...





Slide



man

squelch

squelch





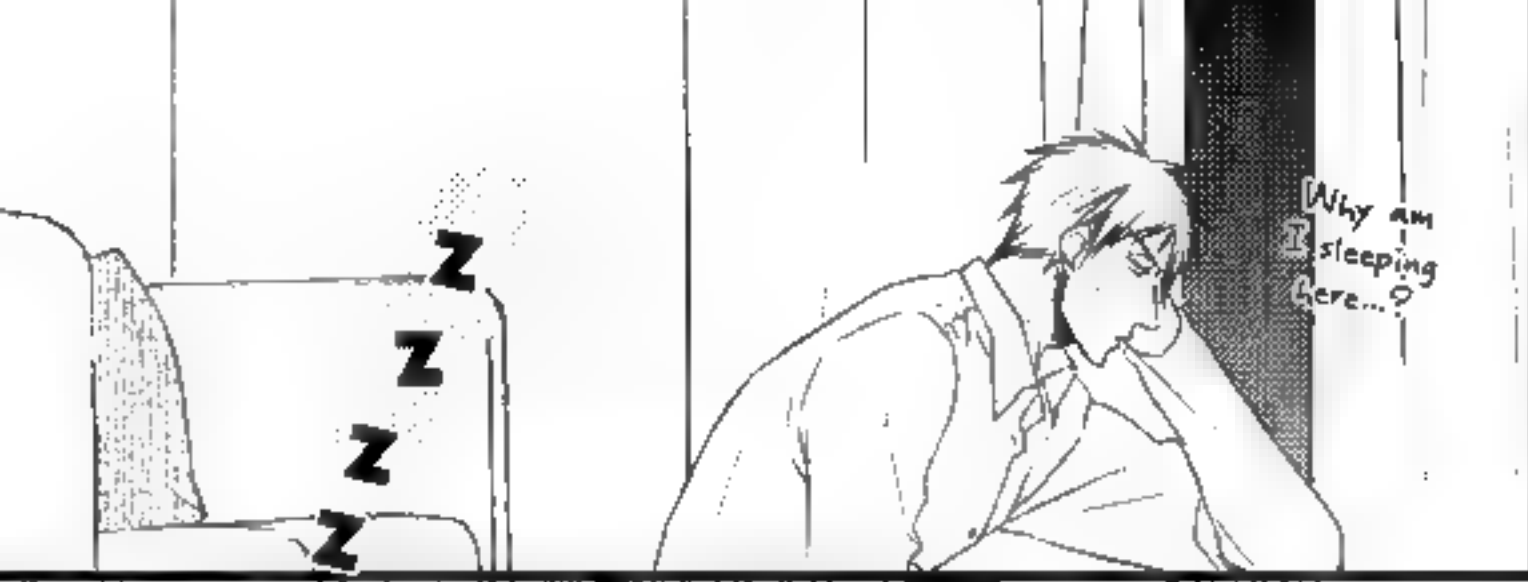
YOU
KNOW...
I'M...

...NOT A
WOMAN,
SO...

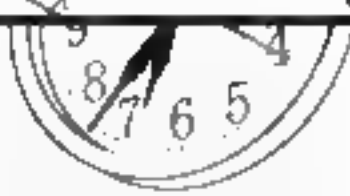
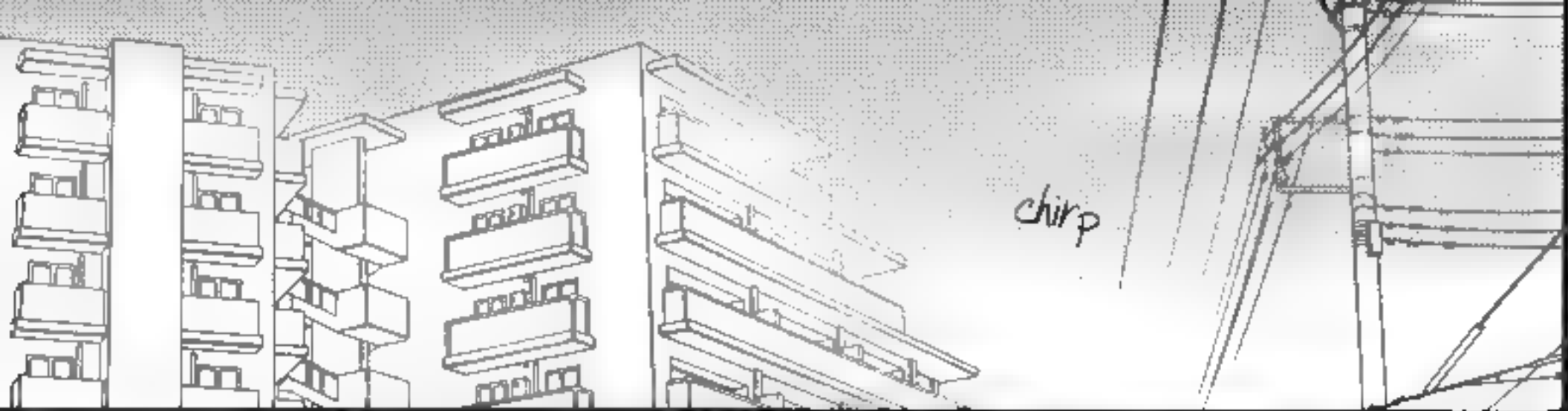
I'M
SORRY,
BUT...

YOU'LL
HAVE TO
HOLD
BACK
WITH THIS.

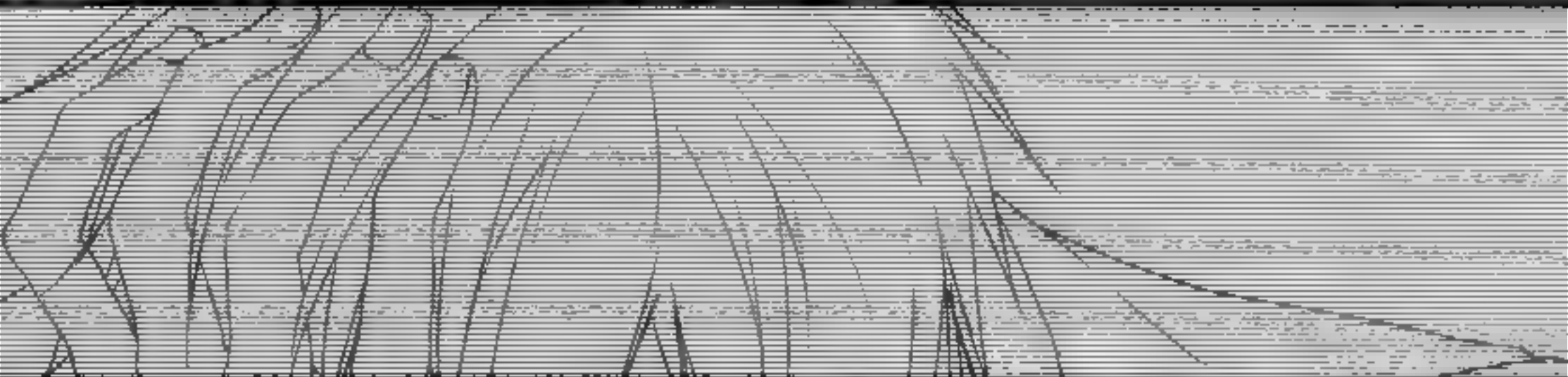
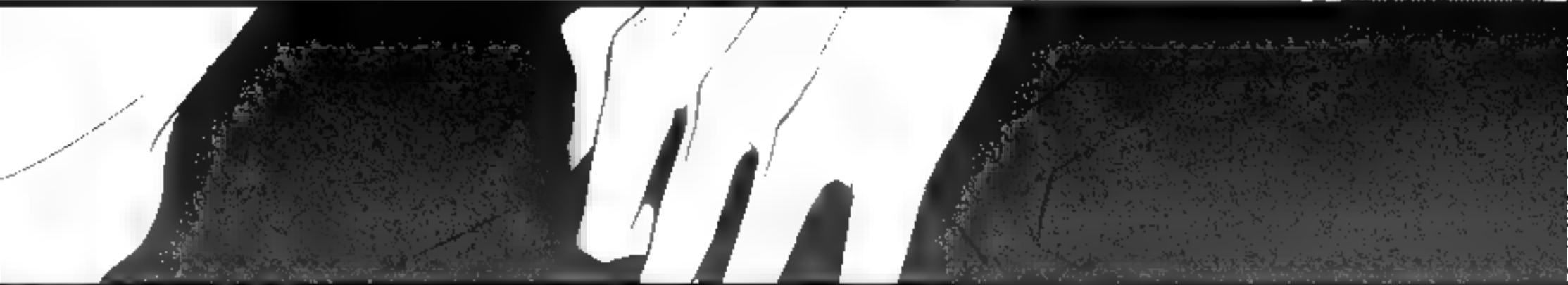
Achoo!











I KNOW IT.

THE FEELING OF HAVING ONE'S WORLD SILENTLY CRUMBLE
AND FALL APART, AND HAVING ONE'S HEART BECOME COLD.

HE'S PROBABLY GETTING A TASTE OF A BREAKDOWN IN HIS LIFE RIGHT NOW.

BUT EVEN SO, WHY...

NOW I
DON'T
EVEN
KNOW,

WHO WAS THE
ONE WHO WAS
COMFORTED...

THE HAND THAT INO USED TO TOUCH
ME WITH WAS PROFUSELY HOT...

...AND UNBEARABLY KIND.



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HM...

AND MILK...



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148 Yen (Tax included)

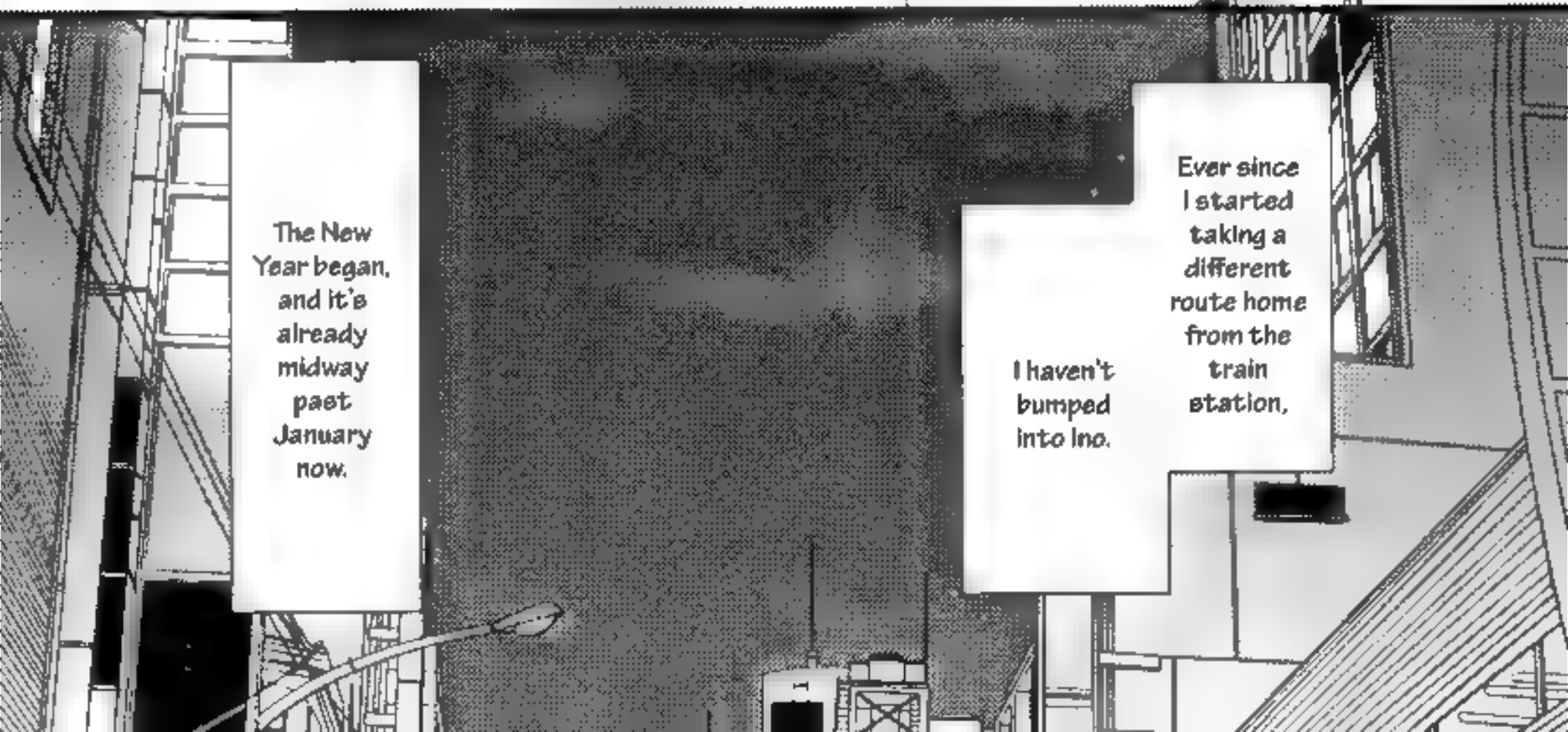
I GUESS I'LL TELL THAT GUY...



maybe 3

I GUESS I'LL COME BACK FOR IT AGAIN...

IT'S HEAVY AND TROUBLESOME, BUT IT'LL BE CHEAPER IF I BUY THE WHOLE BOX, HUH?



The New Year began, and it's already midway past January now.

I haven't bumped into Ino.

Ever since I started taking a different route home from the train station,

maybe 3





I noticed it halfway through.



I
WONDER...

...■ INO'S
BEEN DOING
WELL AT WORK
EVER SINCE
THEN?

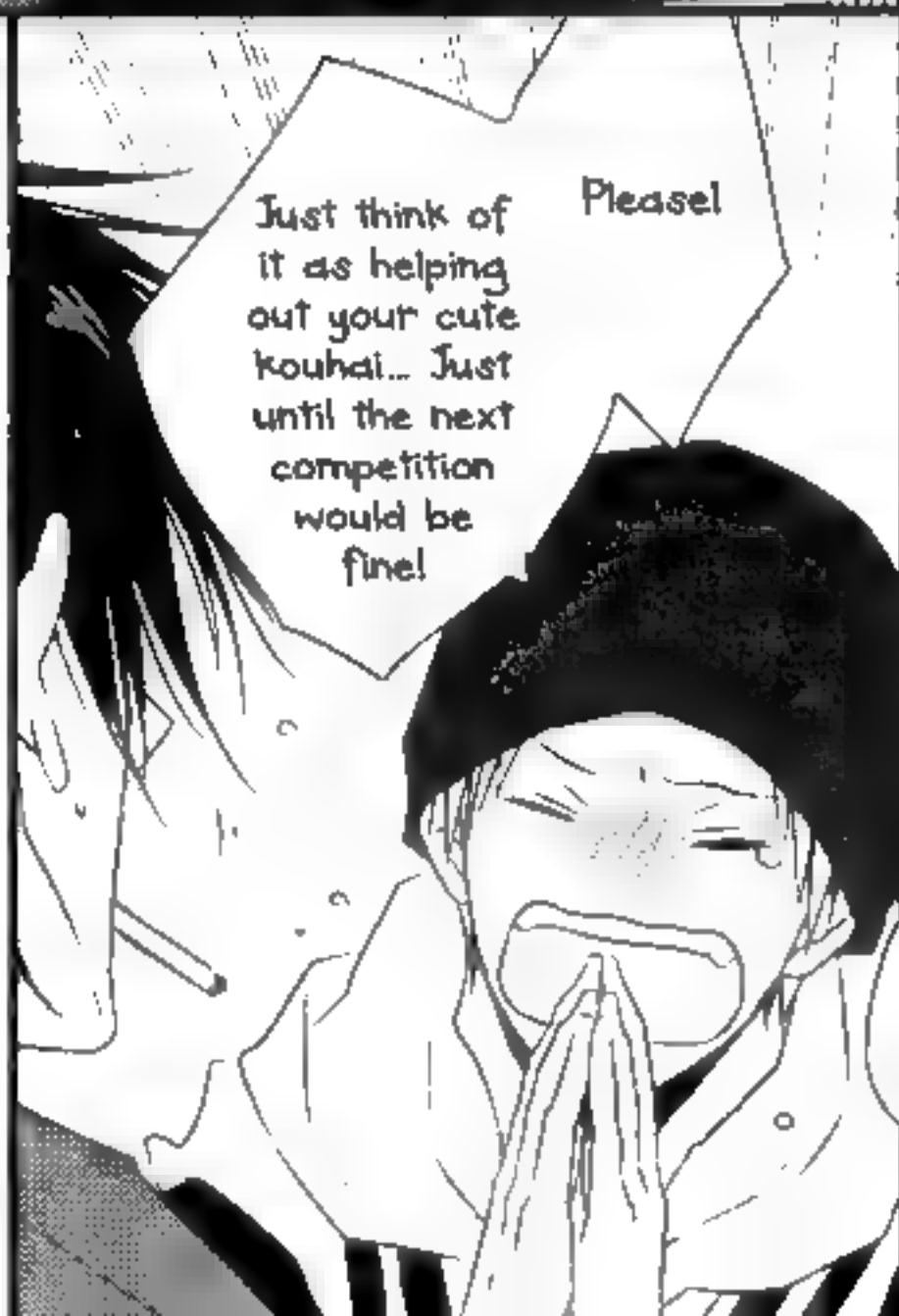
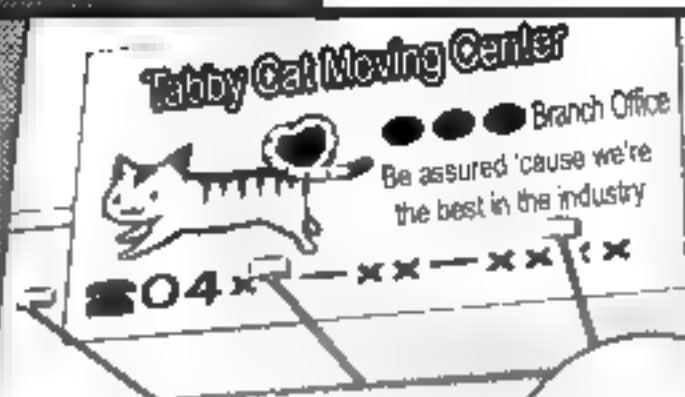


THAT'S
THE ONLY
REASON.

That's
'cause I'm
someone who
only knows
how to run
away, after
all...

THAT DAY, IT
WASN'T THAT I
WANTED TO
COMFORT INO.

IT WAS LIKE I WAS
LOOKING CLEARLY
RIGHT AT MYSELF,
SO I WANTED TO
GET RID OF THAT
DISGUSTING
FEELING.



Just think of it as helping out your cute kouhai... Just until the next competition would be fine!

Please!

I ALREADY TOLD THE OTHER MEMBERS THAT I'D BE BRINGING KUMA-SAN ALONG, SO PLEASE COME TO OUR PRACTICE!

NO, UM... I'M SORRY, BUT I...

KUMA-SAN, YOU REPLIED TO ME WITH "I GET IT, I GET IT," DIDN'T YOU?!

HUH...?

HUH...? I NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.







EVEN THOUGH BEFORE HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO LESSEN HIS LONG DISTANCE WORK BECAUSE HIS BACK'S BEEN HURTING.

haha

JIN-SAN WAS COMPLAINING BECAUSE HE HASN'T BEEN GETTING ANY WORK LATELY!

IS IT A LONG DISTANCE JOB AGAIN?

I'LL GO HOME RIGHT AFTER I FINISH PREPARING TOMORROW'S PACKING MATERIALS.

Yeah.

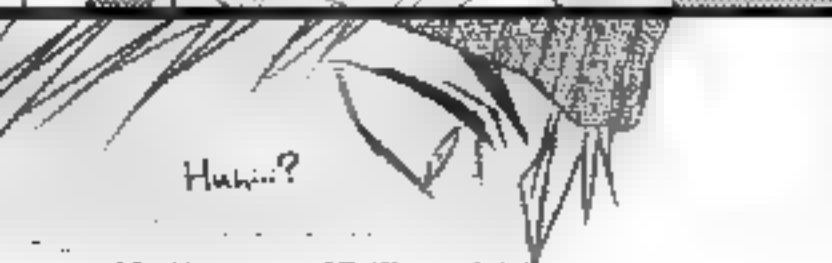
KUMA-SAN, YOU STILL HAVEN'T LEFT?



It's the first snow of the season!

TAP

TAP



Huh...?



KUMA-SAN, LOOK OUTSIDE!

IT'S SNOWING!

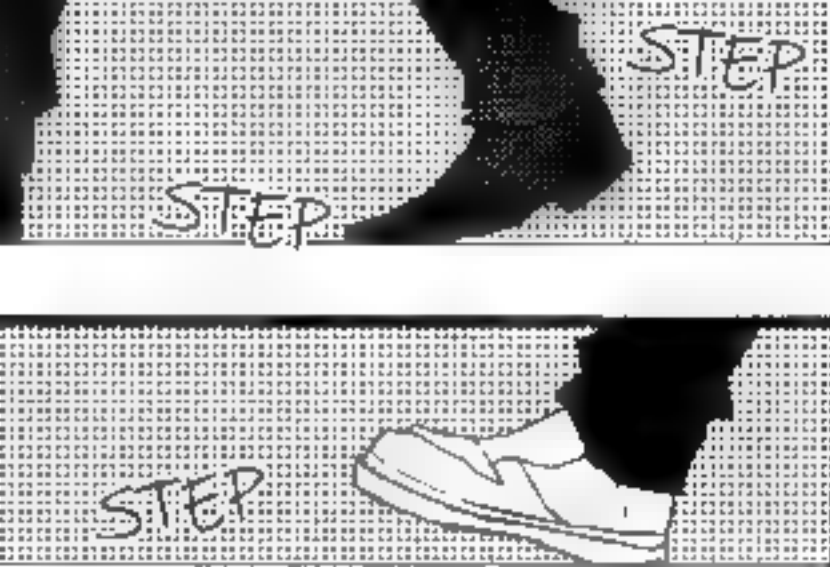


OH, GOOD WORK TODAY.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL BE LEAVING FIRST!

DASH





WE'RE
HEADING THE
SAME WAY
TO THE TRAIN
STATION,
RIGHT?

DON'T
FOLLOW
ME.



Oh, I see

AS USUAL,
YOU GUYS ARE
GETTING ALONG
WELL.



I'M IN A
SOCCER
TEAM,

AND WE'RE
PLANNING
TO ENTER A
COMPETITION, BUT
WE'RE LACKING
PEOPLE ON OUR
TEAM, SO WE
ASKED FOR HIS
HELP.



RIGHT...
I'M GOING
TO BE PLAYING
SOCCER WITH
KUMA-SAN.


twitch



THAT GUY
NEVER TALKS
ABOUT
ANYTHING
OTHER THAN
WORK, AND
WHEN ASKED
ABOUT HIMSELF,
HE'LL JUST GET
QUIET ALL OF A
SUDDEN...

IT TOOK ME
A YEAR TO BE
ABLE TO HOLD
A PROPER
CONVERSATION
WITH HIM!

WAS KUMA-SAN
LIKE THAT IN
HIGH SCHOOL,
TOO?



IF IT WAS
HALF A YEAR
AGO, HE
DEFINITELY
WOULDN'T
HAVE AGREED
TO IT
THOUGH.



AH, BUT
RECENTLY,
HE'S...

EVER SINCE HE
STARTED HANGING
OUT WITH YOU,
HIS ATMOSPHERE
SORTA CHANGED
WEIRDLY.

HE BUILDS
WALLS BETWEEN
HIMSELF AND
OTHER PEOPLE,
BUT IT'S NOT
LIKE HE HATES
PEOPLE IN
PARTICULAR.



SO FEEL
FREE TO
DROP BY IF
YOU HAVE
TIME!

WE'RE GO-
ING TO BE
PRACTICING AT
THE SOCCER
FIELD BY THE
RIVER THIS
SUNDAY,

ALI!

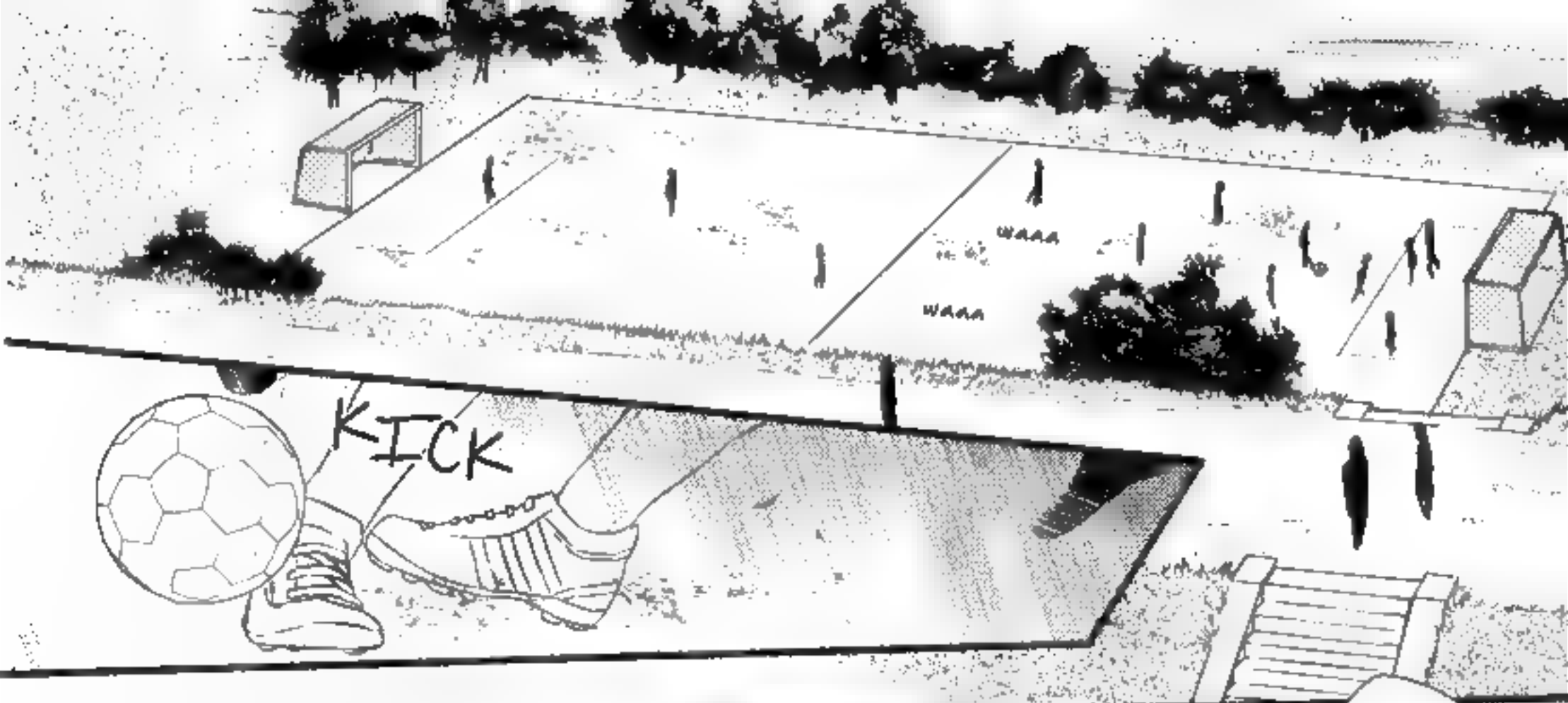
NO, IT'S
NOTHING.

WELL,
THERE'S A
STORE I'D
LIKE TO
STOP BY,
SO...

?

See you!

AS IF
I'D GO!



piiii

I WONDER HOW LONG IT'S BEEN...

waaaah





TWIST

AH!
INOCCHI!

HUH?

So you
came!!

TH

KUMA-SAN!!

UD



KUMA-SAN,
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

Hmph
SEEMS LIKE
YOU STILL
HAVE A LONG
WAY TO GO IF
YOU LOSE
YOUR
COMPOSURE
JUST WITH ME
BEING HERE.



WHY
ARE
YOU
HERE?

SHUT UP!
I WASN'T
FROLICKING
AROUND!

JUST BECAUSE
RUNNING'S
FUN, DOESN'T
MEAN YOU CAN
DISREGARD
YOUR AGE AND
FROLIC
AROUND SO
MUCH!





Tch!

Huh?

ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!

IF IT GETS WORSE, IT'LL HINDER YOUR WORK!

I WONDER IF I STILL HAVE COLD COMPRESSES... I ICED IT ANYWAY, SO IT'LL PROBABLY GET BETTER IF I SLEEP.

YOU SHOULD PUT A COLD COMPRESS ON IT TO COOL IT DOWN.

YEAH, YEAH. I'M SO SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.

WITH THIS, I'VE RETURNED THE FAVOR.



Held on.

HUH...?

WAIT FOR A BIT.



HAS HE ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A LIVELY PERSON...?

WHAT'S WITH HIM...?

C

L

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K



JUST
BECAUSE
RUNNING'S
FUN, DOESN'T
MEAN YOU
CAN
DISREGARD
YOUR AGE
AND FROLIC
AROUND SO
MUCH!



I'M
GUESSING
HE CAME
BECAUSE
HE KNEW I
WAS THERE,
RIGHT...?

What
did that
Kameyama
do?!



SLAM
CLACK

JOLT!

SO TO HIM...

...IT LOOKED LIKE I HAD
FUN JUST BECAUSE I
WAS RUNNING.

thud

thud



YOUR ROOM HAS NOTHING...

JUST SHUT UP AND SIT DOWN.

HOW ANNOYING... I CAN DO THE REST MYSELF.

Nonsense...



I'LL BE INTRUDING.

HOLD ON!

DON'T JUST LET YOURSELF IN.

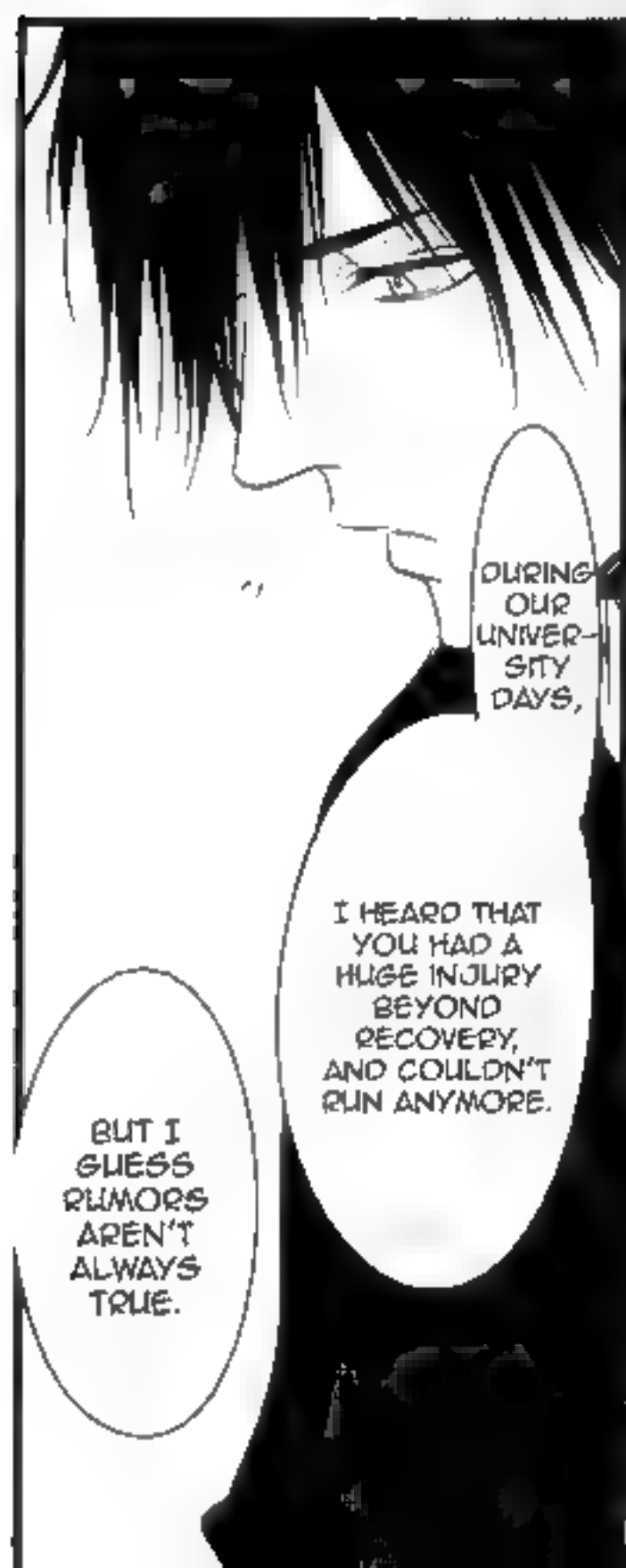
So fast!

STEP

STEP



STICK



DURING OUR UNIVERSITY DAYS,

I HEARD THAT YOU HAD A HUGE INJURY BEYOND RECOVERY, AND COULDN'T RUN ANYMORE.

BUT I GUESS RUMORS AREN'T ALWAYS TRUE.






THEN, ALL
THE MORE
REASON YOU
SHOULD
TAKE CARE
OF IT.

IT WAS
NOTHING
BIG AT
ALL.

I WAS HIT BY
A CAR AND I
FRACTURED
MY BONE, BUT
IT HEALED
RIGHT AWAY
ANYWAY...



YOU REGAINED
YOUR ABILITY TO
RUN AFTER ALL.



There's no
meaning even
if I'm able to
run now.
Right now,
I'm empty,
and there's
no value
in me.

...DON'T TOUCH
ME SO GENTLY
LIKE THAT...

LIKE I SAID...



THEN, MY TIMES
KEPT GETTING
SLOWER AND I
WAS SCARED TO
LOSE TO OTHER
PEOPLE'S
EXPECTATIONS
OF ME.

I WAS AT
MY PEAK
DURING MY
HIGH
SCHOOL
DAYS.


IT'S NOT
BECAUSE
OF THE
INJURY.

BEFORE THE
ACCIDENT, I
WAS ALREADY
IN A SLUMP...

I DIDN'T WANT TO
ADMIT THAT MY
ABILITIES WERE
REACHING THEIR
LIMIT.

IT'S MY
MINDSET...

...THAT'S
BEYOND
RECOVERY.



Even though I didn't want anyone to know about it, and put a lid on it, and pretended not to see it myself.


THAT'S WHY, WHEN THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED,

I WAS HAPPY FOR A MOMENT THAT I WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM RUNNING...

IN THE END, INSTEAD OF FEELING AT EASE, I WAS FULL OF REGRETS,

AND THOUGHTS LIKE "WHAT IF I JUST KEPT WORKING HARD INSTEAD OF RUNNING AWAY?" KEPT HAUNTING ME.

Why am I telling Ino all of this...?



I WON'T BRING THAT UP AGAIN.

I'M... SORRY ABOUT THAT.

DON'T APOLOGIZE, IT PISSES ME OFF.

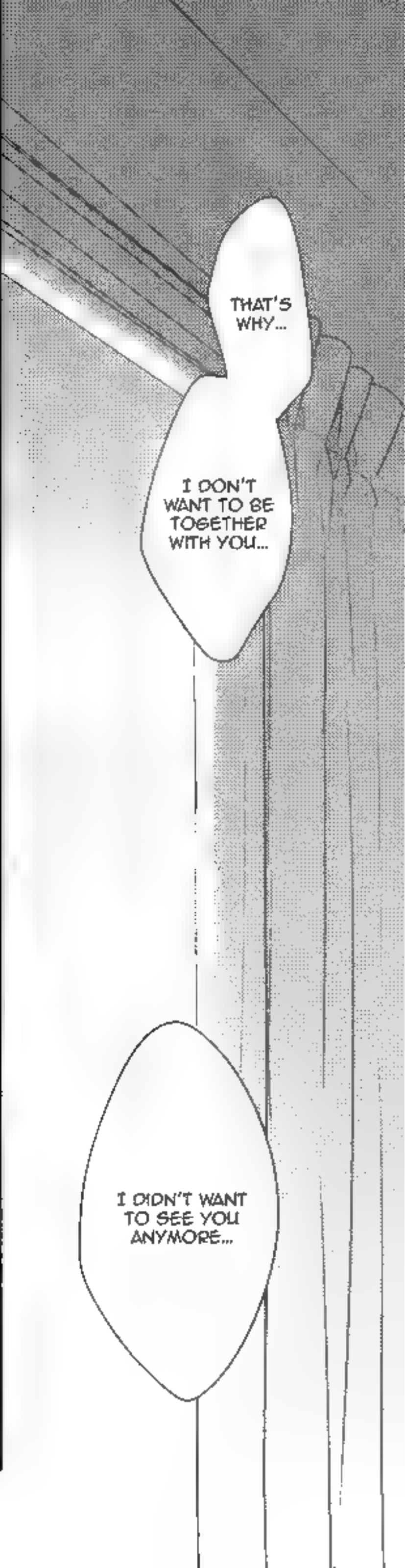
AH... THAT'S RIGHT.

JUST AS YOU EXPECTED, WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT IT, I FEEL PATHETIC.

ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?



ALL THIS
WHILE... I'VE
WANTED TO
SEE YOU.



THAT'S
WHY...

I DON'T
WANT TO BE
TOGETHER
WITH YOU...

I DIDN'T WANT
TO SEE YOU
ANYMORE...



WHO KNOWS?

...WHY IS THAT?



Haa...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
AREN'T WE JUST LICKING
EACH OTHER'S WOUNDS?

AND WHAT'S WRONG
WITH THAT?

IF THAT MEANS
WE CAN HEAL
EACH OTHER,
THEN THERE'S
MEANING IN
US BEING
TOGETHER.



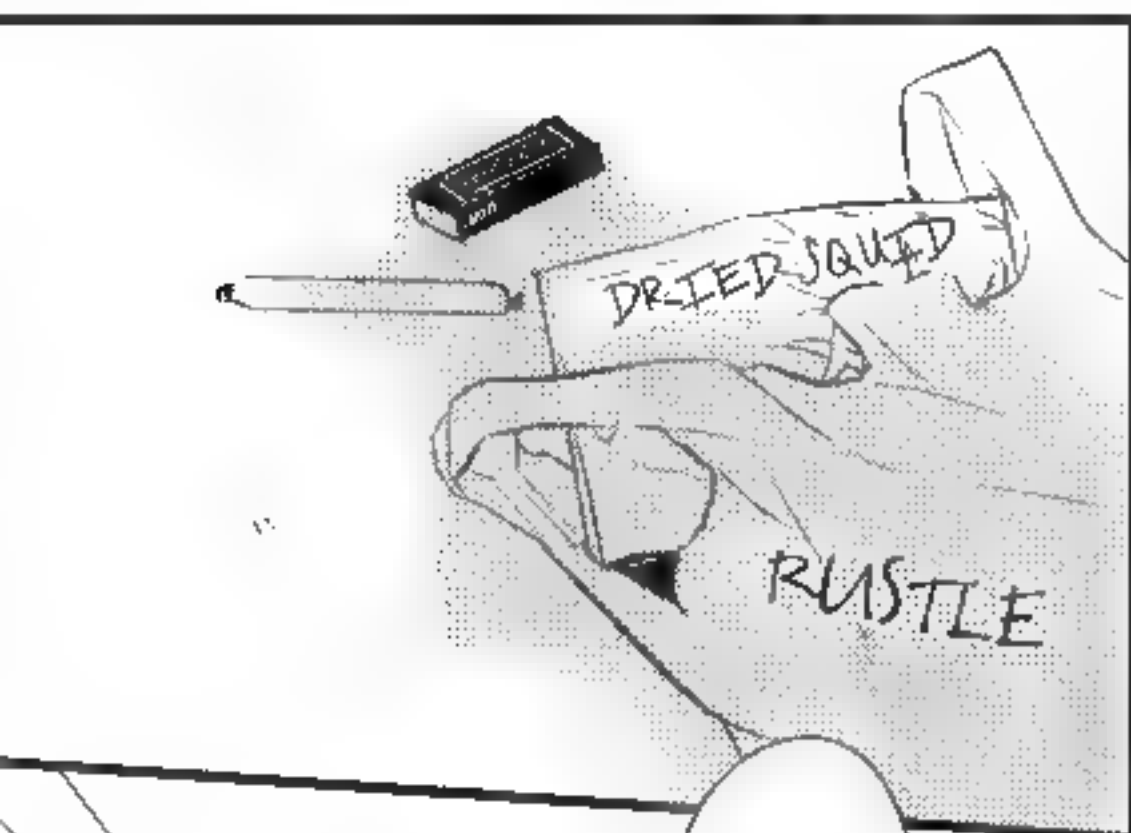
JUST MAYBE... IT'S
BECAUSE YOU KNOW
THE PART OF
ME THAT I
DON'T SHOW
OTHER PEOPLE.

SO WHEN
I'M WITH
YOU, I CAN
BREATHE
EASY.

DIDN'T YOU
FEEL A LITTLE
BETTER
VENTING TO
ME EARLIER,
TOO?



Pfft



HMM...
THAT'S
UNUSUAL
OF YOU.

SO YOU
EAT THIS
SORT OF
FOOD,
TOO?

WRONG.



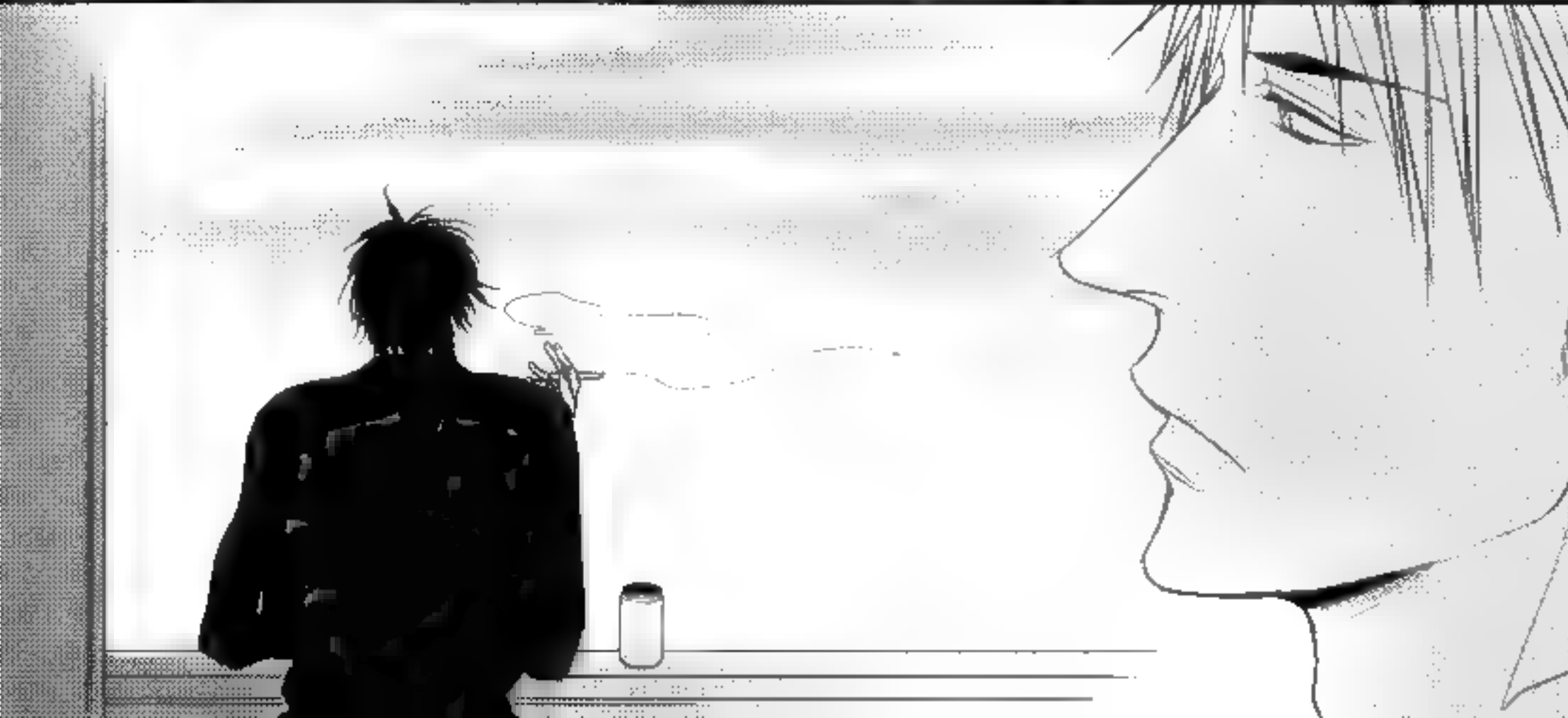
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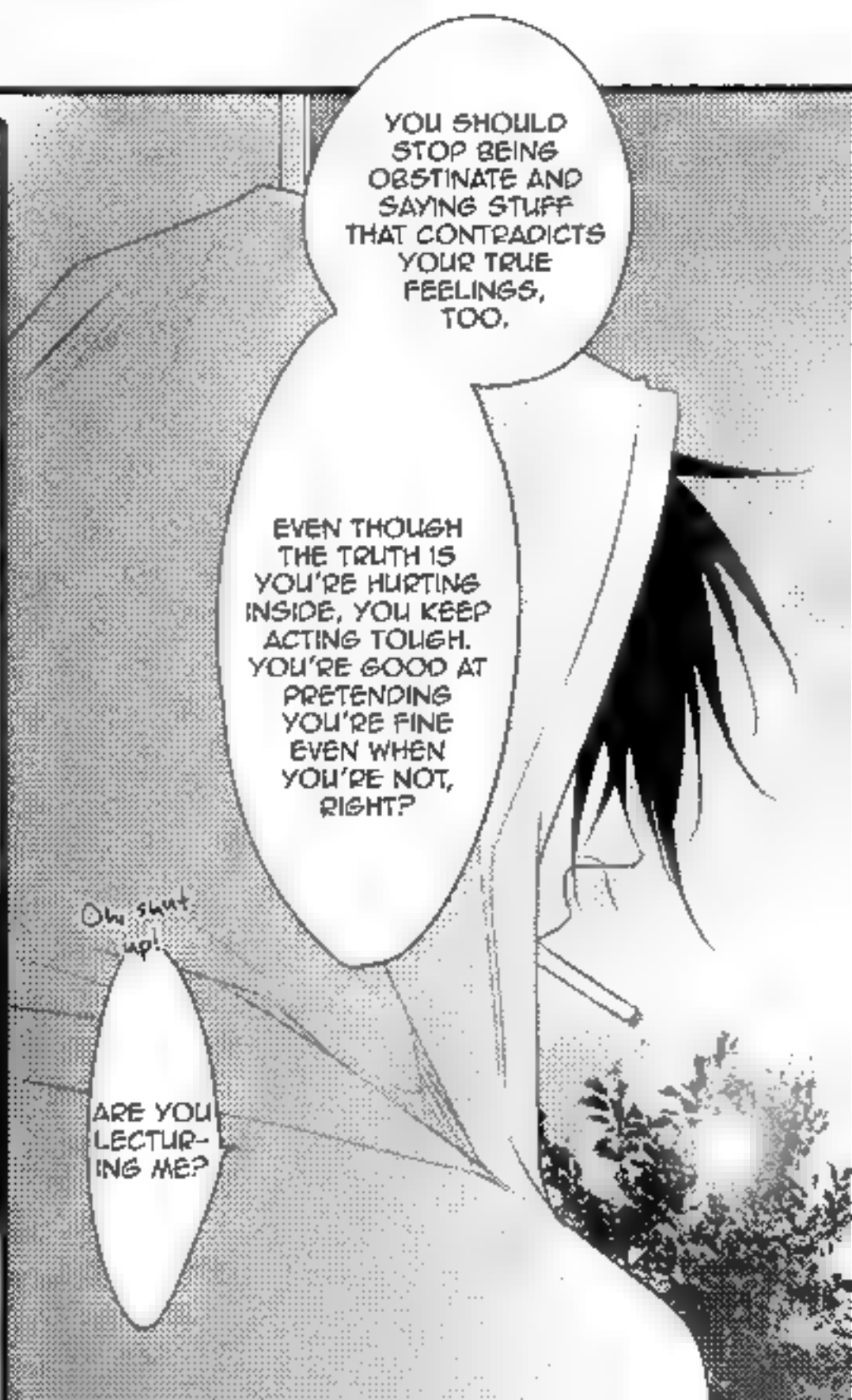
YOU HATE
SWEET
THINGS,
RIGHT?

YOU SEEM
TO BUY THOSE
OFTEN, SO...
JUST A LITTLE
GIFT.

I'M
GOING
TO GO
HAVE A
SMOKE.

EVEN THOUGH
BEFORE YOU KEPT
GIVING ME STUFF
THAT ONLY YOU'D
LIKE.







HEY, DON'T
JUST STAY
QUIET

I WANTED
TO SEE
HIM..

YOU'RE
SAYING
REALLY
DISGUSTING
STUFF
TODAY


YOU..
ARE JUST
SPEAKING IT
IN A WAY THAT'S
FAVORABLE
TO YOU..



IT'S SO
PRETTY

TODAY, IT
FEELS LIKE
IT'S BEEN A
WHILE SINCE
I'VE LAST
SEEN ONE.

SUNSETS ARE
ALWAYS RIGHT IN
FRONT OF OUR
EYES, BUT..



BUT EVEN SO, RIGHT NOW,
THE COLOR OF THIS SKY
REFLECTED IN OUR EYES
IS THE SAME.

His sense
of taste
and his
personality
don't
match.

And on
top of that,
we don't
even have
anything
common...



However,
having
him drag
my
feelings
out of
me, and
putting
these
feelings
into
words...
made me
feel a
little
lighter.



I can
go back
and
redo
every-
thing
anyway.
I'm just
left with
the
regrets
from
the
past.



IT'S
NOT
LIKE...

...MIGHT HELP ME
FIND SOMETHING
WITHIN MY EMPTY
SELF.

IT WAS THE FIRST
TIME I THOUGHT
THAT BEING WITH
HIM...

THAT'S PROBABLY THE REASON WHY,



TO ME, INO'S DIFFERENT FROM OTHER GUYS.



SAN,
YOU
HT?

YOU S
HAVE A
WAY TO
YOU L
YOU L
YOU
COMPO
JUST B
BEING I

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WELL... IT WAS
THAT KIND OF
ATMOSPHERE,
RIGHT...?

AND LIKE,
WEREN'T YOU
THE ONE WHO
CREATED THIS
ATMOSPHERE?

THAT
WASN'T MY
QUESTION.

HUH?

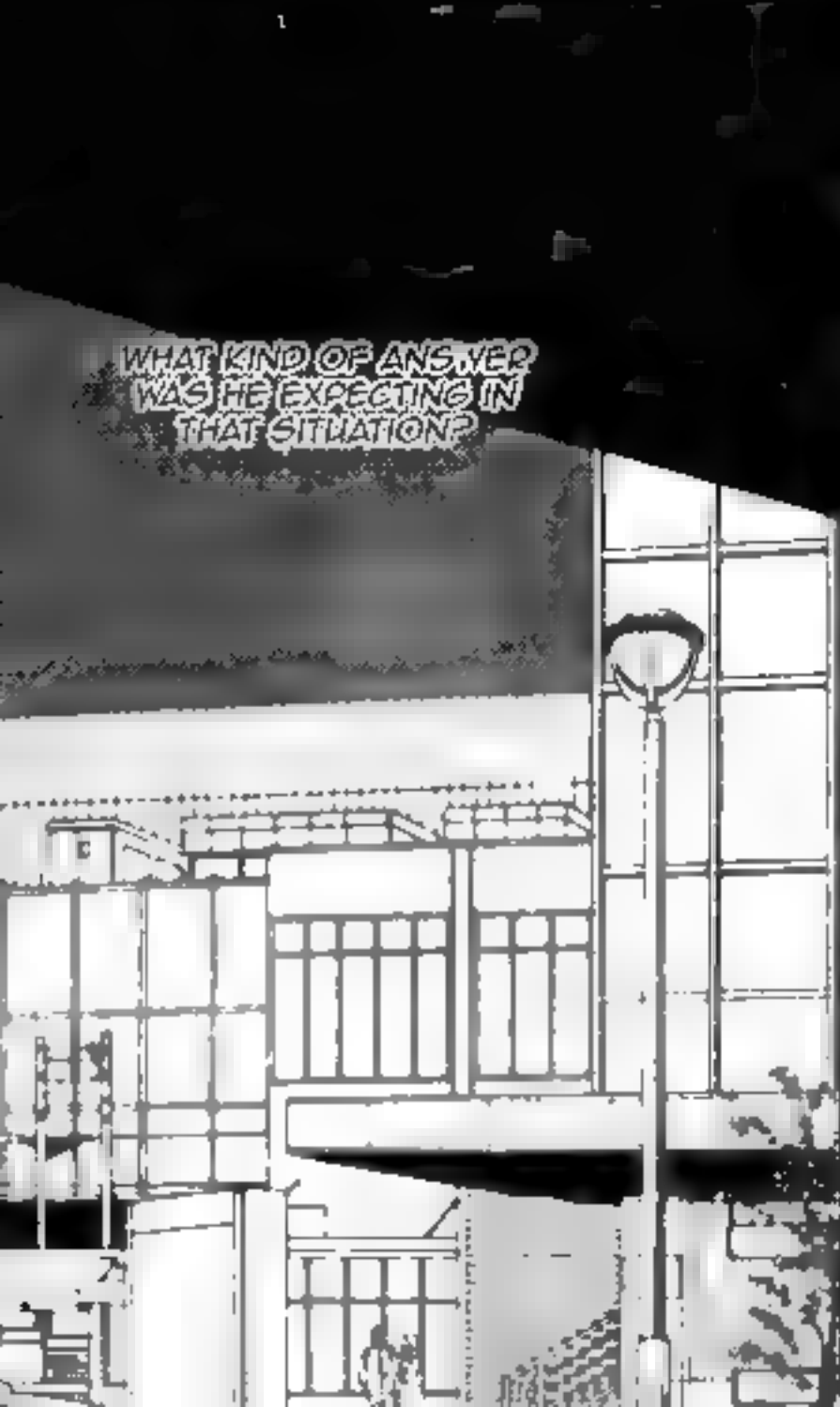
...WHY DID
YOU KISS
ME?



WEREN'T WE
JUST GOING
WITH THE
FLOW?

MY
INTENTIONS?

I'M ASKING WHAT
YOUR INTENTIONS
WERE WHEN YOU
KISSED ME.



WHAT KIND OF ANSWER
WAS HE EXPECTING IN
THAT SITUATION?

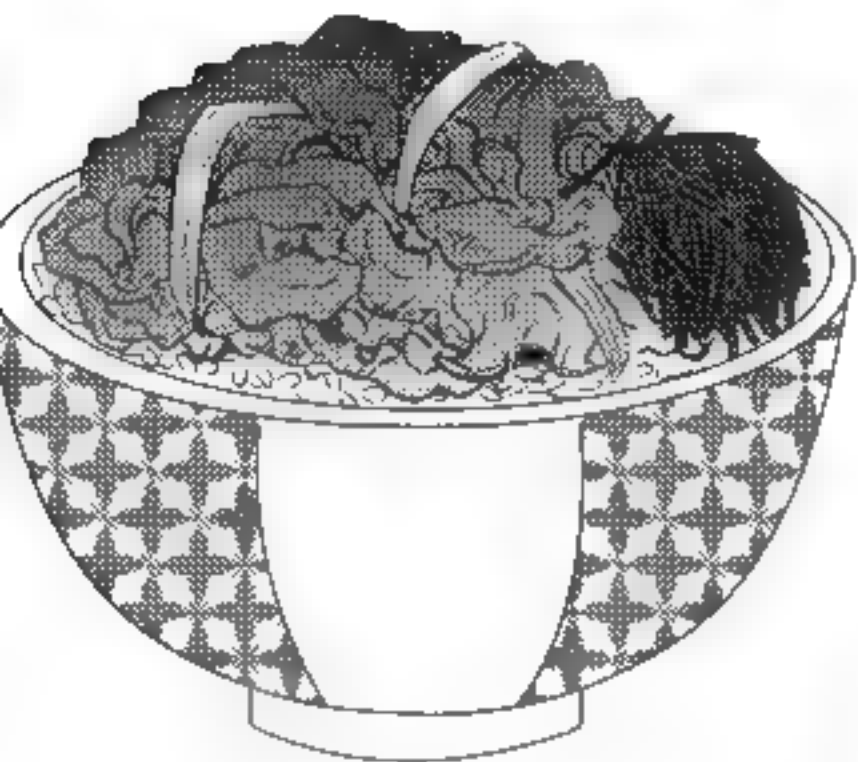


I'M
GOING
HOME.

EH...? HEY,
WHY ARE
YOU MAD?



TADAH



Step

Step

HEY!

FWIP

IN THAT CASE, LET'S GO.

HUHP?

WHERE TO?

Welcome!

GROWL
GROWL
GROWL

...WE'RE JUST EATING TOGETHER NORMALLY... WHAT'S WITH THIS?

IT SEEMS LIKE...

Thanks for the meal.

WHY WOULD I GO TO A FANCY RESTAURANT WITH YOU?

I guess that's true.

NOT REALLY... I JUST THOUGHT THAT YOU'D EAT AT A FANCIER RESTAURANT.

I like this place though.

DO YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT FAST, CHEAP, AND DELICIOUS BEEF BOWLS?

It's gonna get cold.

Beef bowl with kimchi
Regular size
430 Yen





BUT I GUESS
IT WOULDN'T
BE RIGHT TO
COMPARE HIM
WITH THEM ■
THAT WAY.

YOU
KNOW...

WHAT
IS IT?



HE HAS A
TROUBLESOME
PERSONALITY,
BUT HE DOESN'T
OVERLY CONCERN
HIMSELF WITH ME,
SO IT'S EASY FOR
ME TO HANG OUT
WITH HIM.

HE DOESN'T
TALK ABOUT
BORING THINGS
LIKE WOMEN
DO, EITHER.



...NOTHING,
NEVER
MIND.

SEEMS LIKE HE DOESN'T
PARTICULARLY CARE ABOUT
WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY.



I DON'T PARTICULARLY HAVE A SHOP THAT I REGULARLY GO TO THOUGH.

UM...

Or rather...



IF WE KEEP EATING BEEF BOWLS ALL THE TIME, WE'LL GET TIRED OF IT.

HUMP?

NEXT TIME, HOW ABOUT YOU CHOOSE WHERE WE GO?



WELL... MAYBE AN OZEN SHOP OR SOMETHING?

haha

WOULDN'T THAT BE A PUB?

...is he planning to go out with me again?

KUMANO SPORTS CLUB

EVEN IF IT'S
JUST UNTIL
AFTER THE
NEXT
MATCH.

I GUESS
I CAN'T
JUST KEEP
BORROWING
SOMEONE
ELSE'S GEAR,
ESPECIALLY
THE CLEATS...

HUH? ARE YOU
KUMAGAYA BY
ANY CHANCE?

Ohhh!

AS I THOUGHT,
IT'S KUMAGAYA!

COACH
USAMI?

HAA... I'LL
HAVE TO
REFUSE
THAT
OFFER.

THAT
WAS AN
IMMEDIATE
ANSWER.

KUMAGAYA,
DO YOU WANT
TO ENTER AS
WELL? FOR A
LIMITED TIME
DURING THE
CAMPAIGN, THE
MEMBERSHIP
FEE'S FREE.

BY THE WAY,
RIGHT NOW,
I'M WORKING
AS AN
INSTRUCTOR
IN A SPORTS
CLUB IN X
CITY.

JUST THEN,
YOU WERE
LOOKING AT
RUNNING
SHOES,
RIGHT?

WELL, I'VE
HAD YOU ON
MY MIND ALL
THIS TIME,
BUT...

I SEE...

I'M
STILL...

I WAS
RELIEVED
WHEN I
FOUND OUT
THAT YOU
WERE STILL
RUNNING.

JUST THEN...
I WAS ONLY
LOOKING AT
THEM BY CHANCE.
I HAVEN'T BEEN
RUNNING EVER
SINCE.

I GUESS
YOU'D
CHANGE
AFTER 7
WHOLE
YEARS,
HUH?

WOW, I DIDN'T
EXPECT TO
MEET MY
EX-STUDENT.
YOU LOOK
MUCH MORE
LIKE AN ADULT
NOW!

COACH
USAMI
HASN'T
CHANGED
AT ALL.

I'M NOT
YOUR
COACH
ANYMORE,
JUST USAMI
IS FINE.

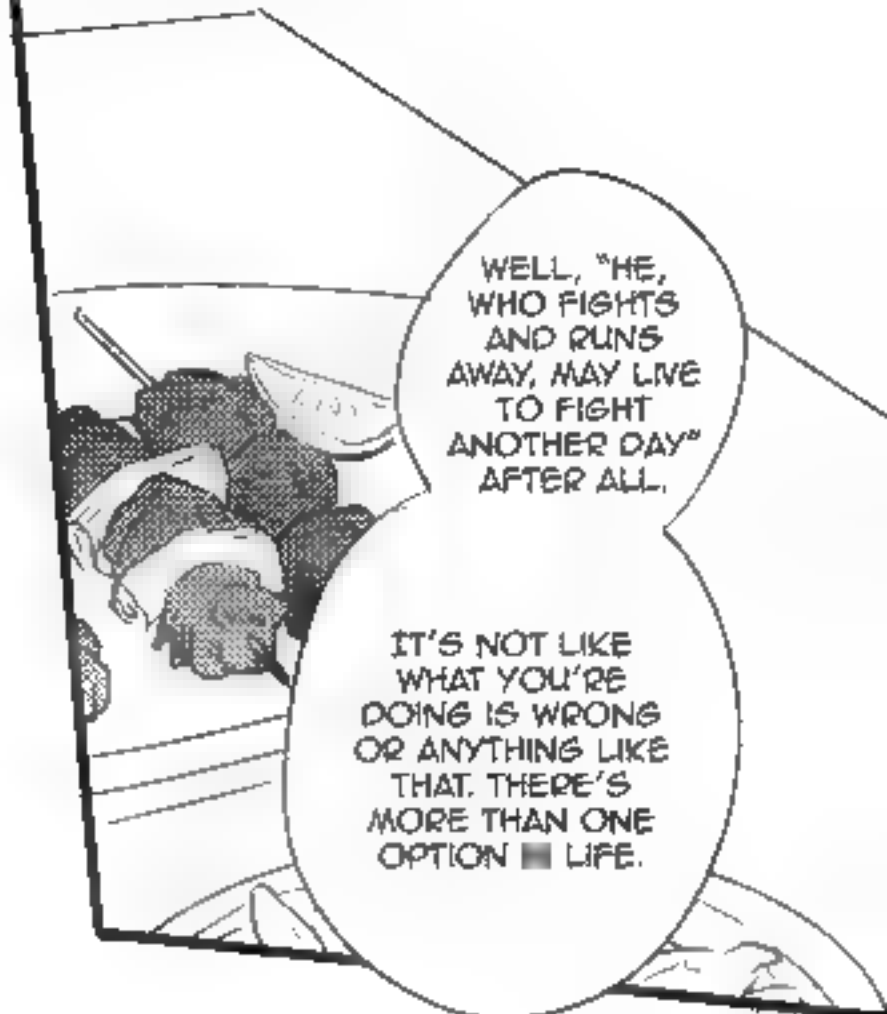


...IS THAT
SO?

I GUESS
THAT'S
RIGHT...

EVEN
THOUGH
IT WAS
DEFINITELY
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR ME TO
DO THIS, IF IT
WAS JUST A
LITTLE WHILE
AGO.

THE FACT THAT
I'M NOW ABLE
TO DRINK
ALCOHOL WITH
HIM MIGHT
MEAN THAT
I'M ALREADY
OVER IT.



WELL, "HE,
WHO FIGHTS
AND RUNS
AWAY, MAY LIVE
TO FIGHT
ANOTHER DAY"
AFTER ALL.

IT'S NOT LIKE
WHAT YOU'RE
DOING IS WRONG
OR ANYTHING LIKE
THAT. THERE'S
MORE THAN ONE
OPTION ■ LIFE.

USUALLY,
TIME WILL BE
ABLE TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT.

I
THINK...

IT'S
PROBABLY
BECAUSE I'VE
CHANGED A
LITTLE AFTER
MEETING HIM.

YOU JUST
HAVE TO DO
IT THE WAY
YOU WANT.



HUH...?

LEAN

YOU CAN
THINK OF IT AS
RETURNING THE
FAVOR. CAN'T
YOU LISTEN TO
ONE OF MY
REQUESTS?

...I WAS
SHOWERING
YOU WITH
LOTS OF
ATTENTION,
Y'KNOW?

HEY
KUMAGAYA,
WHEN I WAS
YOUR COACH
I ALWAYS
LOOKED OUT
FOR YOU,
AND LIKE...

Why so
sudden?

HUH...?

...THE WAY HE SAID IT
WAS UNFAIR. IT WAS
TRUE THAT I WAS
VERY MUCH IN HIS
CARE.

THAT WAS
THE CASE,
BUT...

clench

ZZZZZZ

ZZZZ

I'M BEGGING,
YOU! PLEASE LET
ME STAY AT YOUR
PLACE TONIGHT! I
HAD A FIGHT WITH
MY ROOMMATE
AND I GOT
CHASED OUT!

HUH?!

ZZNNN

ZZNNN

ZZZZZ

DID I SLEEP
WELL WHEN I
WAS STAYING
OVER AT INO'S
PLACE...?

We were pretty
much huddling
together though...

I CAN'T
SLEEP
IF THER
SOMEONE
ELSE
AROUND

LIKE ON
SCHOOL
TRIPS AND
STUFF

DO I NOT
HAVE INO'S
NUMBER...?

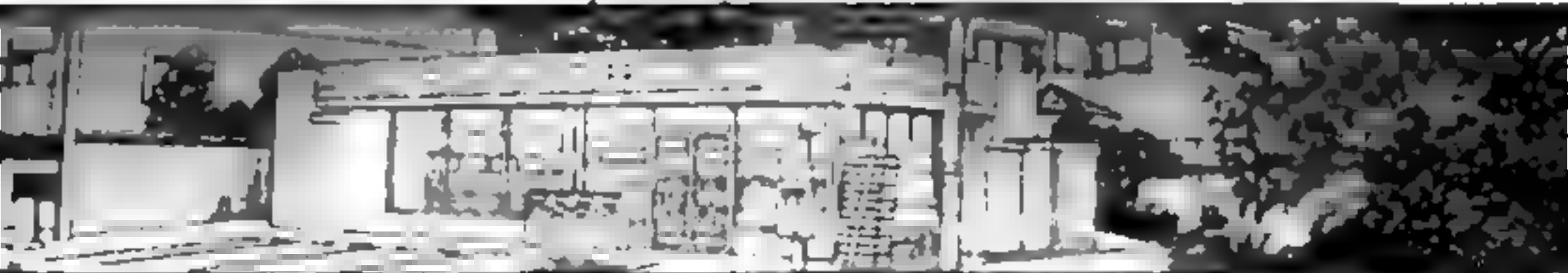
Despite
the fact
that our

have each
other's
number..



GAMMM.
GEEZ...

Every time
something
happens,
I end up
thinking
about Ino...

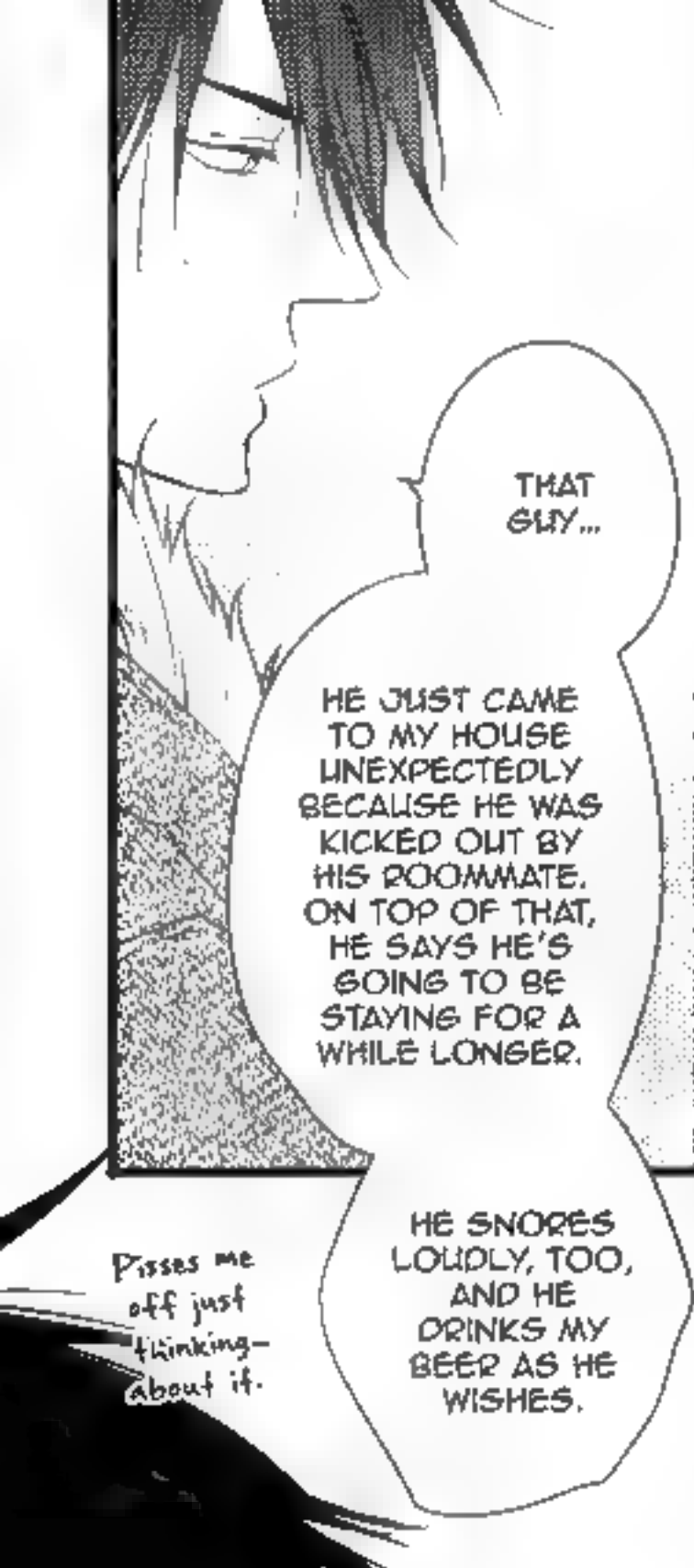


WELL...
THAT WAS
UNNECESSARY,
GASTADO



WHAT'S
WITH THAT
FACE OF
YOURS?

IT LOOKS
WOOFSE
THAN
USUAL



THAT
GUY...

HE JUST CAME
TO MY HOUSE
UNEXPECTEDLY
BECAUSE HE WAS
KICKED OUT BY
HIS ROOMMATE.
ON TOP OF THAT,
HE SAYS HE'S
GOING TO BE
STAYING FOR A
WHILE LONGER.

Pisses me
off just
thinking-
about it.

HE SNORES
LOUDLY, TOO,
AND HE
DRINKS MY
BEER AS HE
WISHES.



Hmph!
Don't
say it so
misleadingly
then.

I
didn't...

IT WAS
JUST SOME-
ONE I WAS
INDEBTED TO
FROM UNIVERSITY.
DON'T GO
HAVING WEIRD
THOUGHTS!

HEY, SINCE
WHEN DID
YOU HAVE
SOMEONE
LIKE THAT...

MY
ACQUAINTANCE
STAYED OVER
LAST NIGHT,
SO I'M JUST A
LITTLE SLEEP-
DEPRIVED.

YOUR
ACQUAINTANCE
MADE YOU
SLEEP-
DEPRIVED?!



CAN'T
YOU JUST
CHASE HIM
OUT?

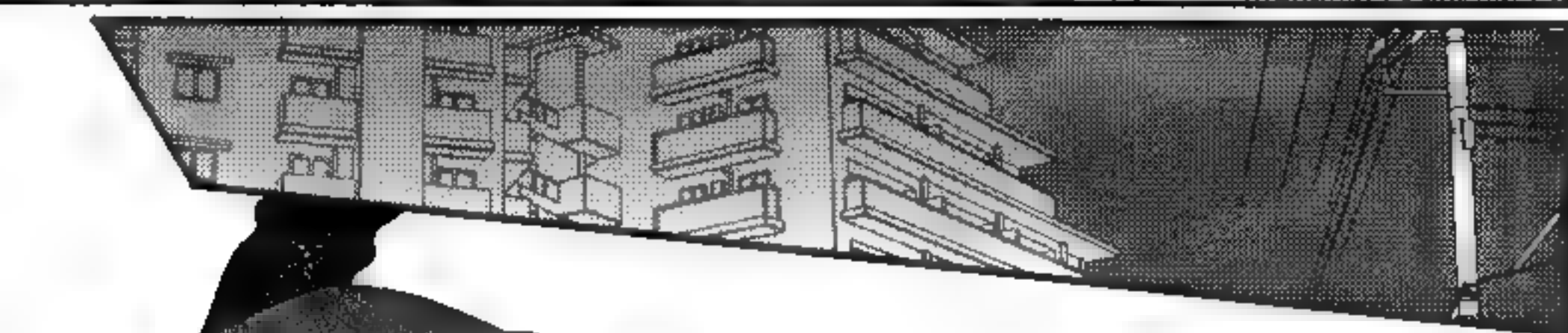


IN THAT CASE,
JUST COME TO
MY PLACE.



...HE WAS MY
COACH WHEN
I WAS DOING
ATHLETICS AND
HE WAS WILLING
TO HEAR ME TALK
ABOUT MY PAST,
TOO.

I
CAN'T JUST
REFUSE HIM
FLATLY.





REST EASY,
KUMASAKI.

PAT



I'M NO
GOOD WITH
THEM EITHER.



SHOULDNT
YOU BE
WASTING
TIME
SINCE IT'S
RELATED TO
YOUR
WORK?

IT'S TRUE THAT
THERE ARE
HOUSES THAT I
WORKED WITH
WHICH HAVE
THOSE THINGS,
BUT THE TRUTH
IS, I'M BAD WITH
THEM... THEY'RE
THE ONLY THINGS
I CAN'T DEAL

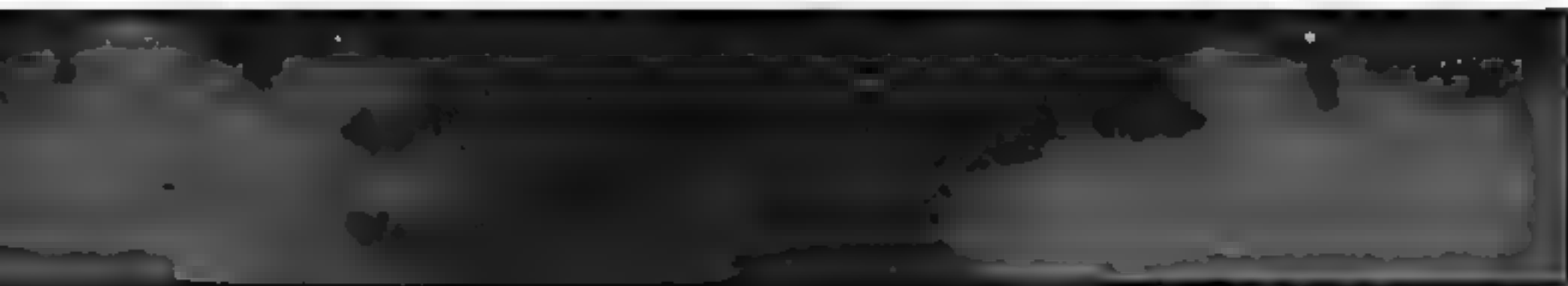
*Someone
always deals
with them
for me*



I'VE BEEN
DISPOSING THE
TRASH PROPERLY,
AND I'VE ONLY
LIVED HERE FOR
A FEW MONTHS.
THERE'S NO WAY
SOMETHING LIKE
THAT WOULD

WILL
THAT
BE A
LIE

WHATEVER,
JUST HURRY
UP AND DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT!




SO
NARROW

SHUT UP. IF
YOU DON'T
WANT ME TO
KICK YOU OUT,
THEN DEAL
WITH IT.

*I don't
have a quality
control issue*






I WONDER IF
I CAN SLEEP
LIKE THIS

Shaggy



I JUST
THOUGHT
THAT YOU
WERE LIKE
THIS IN THE
PAST



YOU'VE BEEN
TALKING QUITE
A LOT.

IT'S
BECAUSE
YOU KEEP
SAYING
THINGS
THAT PISS
ME OFF.



YOU WERE
ALWAYS
MAKING A
RUCKUS
WITH THE
GUYS IN
CLASS,
RIGHT?



WAS I?



WELL, NO
MATTER HOW
MUCH YOU'VE
CHANGED,

FROM MY
POINT OF VIEW,
YOU WILL
ALWAYS BE
KUMAGAYA
AFTER ALL.

DAMN...

IT'S JUST
COMFORTABLE
BEING BY HIS
SIDE.

TO INO, I'M
MERELY "ME."

NO MATTER IF IT'S
THE PAST ME OR
THE PRESENT ME
OR EVEN ME AS
A WHOLE

THERE'S NO NEED
FOR BLUFFS OR
FACADES.

That's
why...

THAT'S WHY I'M SO...





AS I THOUGHT,
I'LL SLEEP
ON THE
FLOOR...

creak

I'M NOT
A KID
ANYMORE.
JUST
BECAUSE...
OF A KISS
LIKE THAT...

AH... MY
HEARTBEAT IS
DEAFENING.

badump

badump

MY BACK
FEELS
HOT...

JUST
STAY HERE
ALONE.

HUH...?



WHAT ARE
YOU GETTING
ALL SELF-
CONSCIOUS
FOR?

GRAB

touch

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?
DON'T TOUCH
ME, IDIOT!

WHO WOULD
GET SELF-
CONSCIOUS
OVER YOU?

HEY. IF
YOU'RE NOT
FEELING SELF-
CONSCIOUS,

STOP

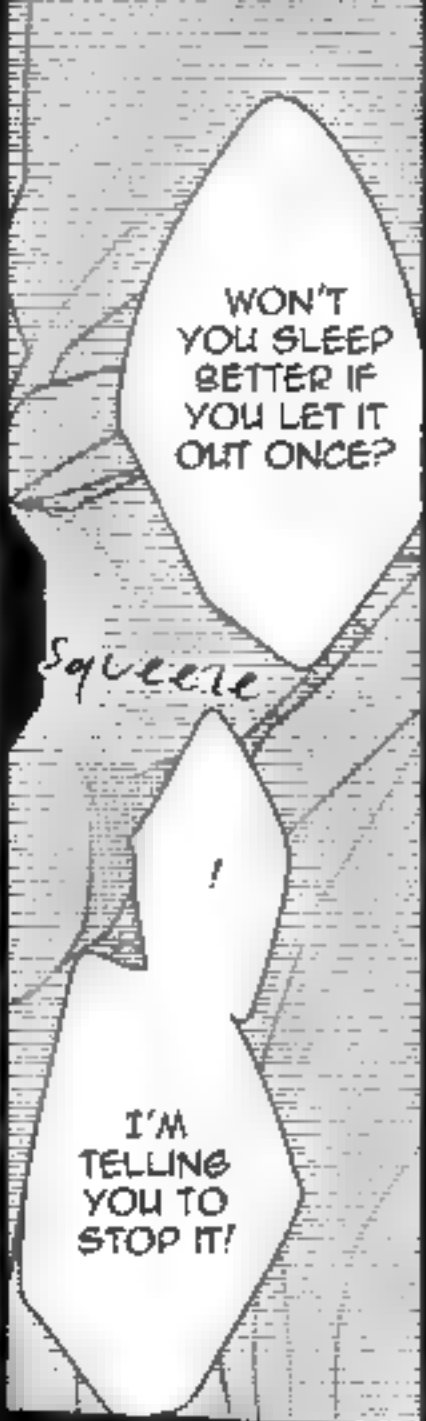


twitch

MNN!

I'LL DO IT
MYSELF...
IN THE
TOILET.

DON'T GET
EMBARRA-
SSED NOW.



WON'T
YOU SLEEP
BETTER IF
YOU LET IT
OUT ONCE?

Squeeze

I'M
TELLING
YOU TO
STOP IT!



THANK



EVEN THOUGH
YOU TOUCHED
MY THING AS
MUCH AS YOU
PLEASED.

blush



Fu...

Uh...

Mmm...

twitch

Oi...

DON'T
LICK
THERE...

IT'S
BECAUSE
YOU HAVE
REALLY NICE
REACTIONS.
LIKE A
WOMAN.

It tickles!

GO AND
DIE!



THEN, YOU
HAVE TO...

TAKE
RESPONS-
IBILITY.



slick

IT'S
BETTER
THAN
NOTHING,
RIGHT?

slick

slick

OUCH...!

THRUST

TURN
AROUND.

squelch

squelch

NO... THAT
PLACE IS
IMPOSSIBLE.



thrust

thrust

...DOES
IT STILL
HURT?

YEAH...
IT HURTS
AND FEELS
DISGUSTING...

AH...?!

IS... HE
SERIOUSLY
GOING TO
DO IT?

haa

thrust

thrust

DOES IT
FEEL GOOD?
OR BAD?
WHICH IS IT?

kiss

JUST
SHUT
UP...

ALREADY...

blush

DRIP

Mmm

tremble

Haa

Ino...

RUSTLE

IF YOU
WANT TO
DO IT, THEN
HURRY UP...


...AND
DO IT!

RELAX.



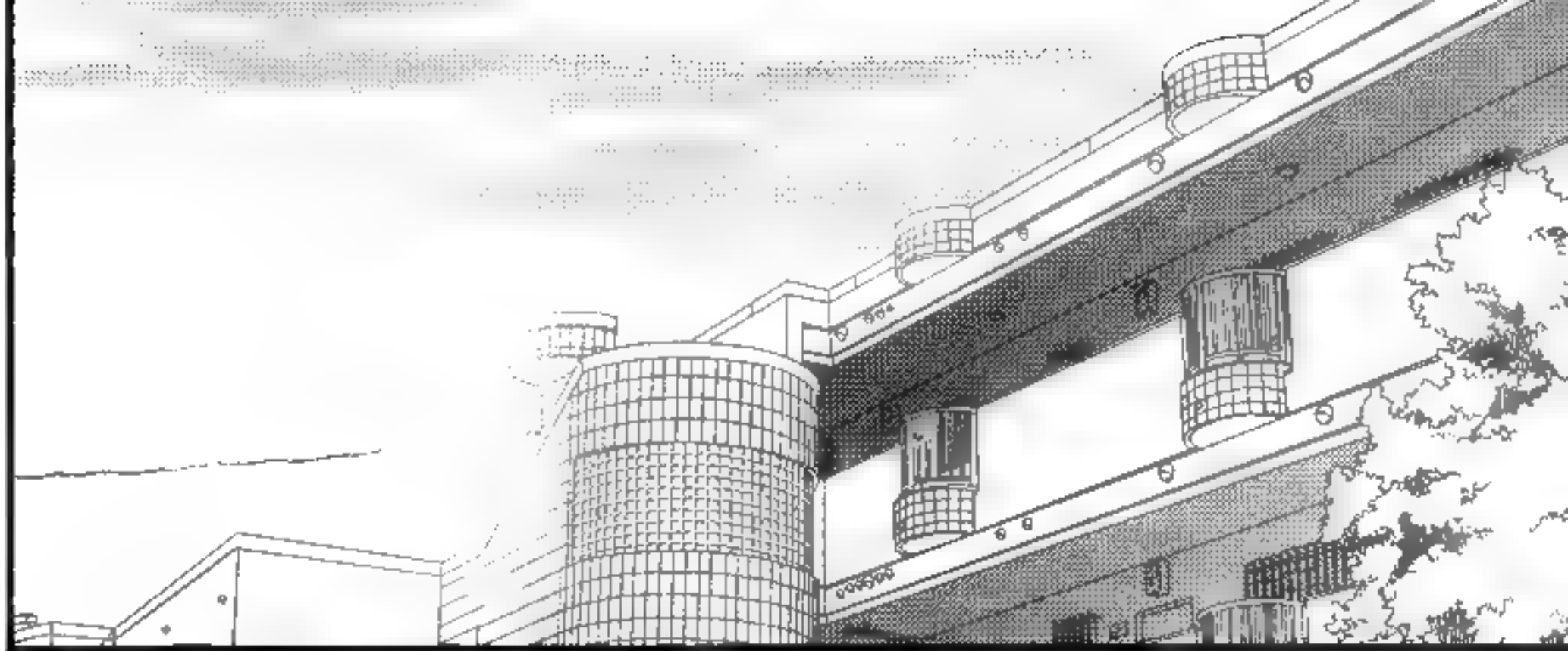
snuggie





I ENDED
UP DOING
IT WITH HIM.

AS EXPECTED,
I MANAGED TO
SLEEP...



shocked

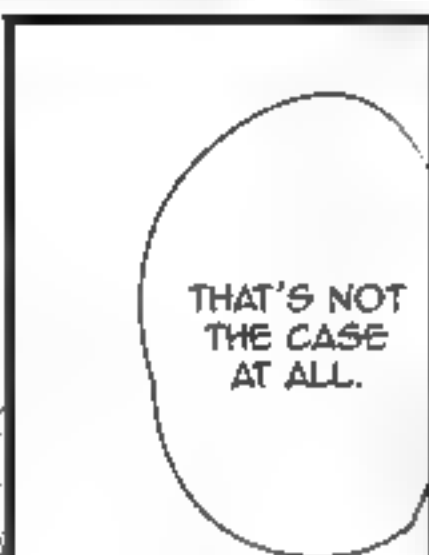
YO,
WELCOME
BACK.



clack



THEN IS
THIS AN
INSECT
BITE?



THAT'S NOT
THE CASE
AT ALL.



HMM...



slip



creak

YOU'RE
UP EARLY
TODAY,
COACH.

COMING
BACK IN THE
MORNING,
YOU'RE
QUITE THE
SMOOTH
ONE, HUH?



fwip



SURELY SOMETHING LIKE "THIS"...

...ISN'T JUST A RESULT OF US GOING WITH THE FLOW.



THE EYES THAT HE
SEES ME WITH,

AND HIS GENTLE HANDS
THAT CONTRADICT
THE WORDS HE SAYS,

I'M NOT DENSE
ENOUGH TO IGNORE MY
FEELINGS FOR HIM

THAT'S WHY I
CAN'T WANT TO
NOTICE THESE
FEELINGS

EVEN SO...
NOTHING WILL
COME OF THIS,
RIGHT...?

...to
around
the
even
too, and
too
right of
what's in
front of
me

What
not
didn't
enough.



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maybe 5

chatter

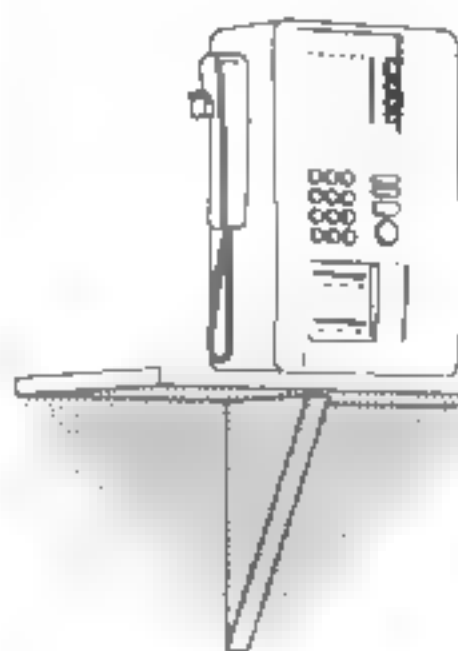
stop

chatter


chatter



No
wonder
we've
been
bumping
into
each
other a
lot.



maybe 5



BUT... FIRST
OF ALL, THE
FACT THAT HE
DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT IS
ALREADY
SOMEWHAT
LIKE AN
ANSWER
FOR ME.

AND I DON'T
THINK IT'S
NECESSARY TO
BE "BOUND"
TOGETHER LIKE
LOVERS, JUST
BECAUSE BEING
WITH HIM IS
COMFORTABLE
FOR ME.

HYPOTHETICALLY
SPEAKING, EVEN IF INO
AND I ENDED UP BEING
TOGETHER,

WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE
TO GET MARRIED OR
HAVE CHILDREN, SO
WOULD THERE EVEN BE
A MEANING TO THAT?



YO.

That just
makes us
seem like sex
friends.

Hah

IN THAT CASE,
WE CAN JUST
EAT MEALS
LIKE WE
ALWAYS DO,

AND TALK
CASUALLY,

AND HAVE SEX
SOMETIMES...



I SEE.



WELL,
YEAH.



KUMAGAYA...
ON YOUR
WAY HOME?



YES.

AH...
USAMI-
SAN?

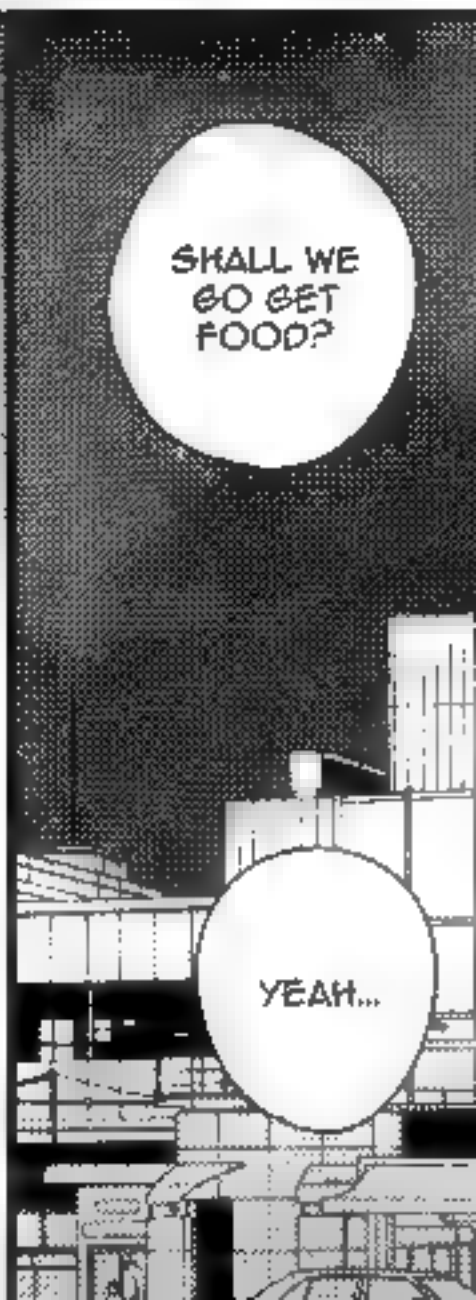
YOU'LL PAY
FOR ME...? I
ALREADY
HAVE PLANS
THOUGH.

EH,
NOW?



RINGGGG
Ah
SORRY,
HOLD
ON...

My
phone.



SHALL WE
GO GET
FOOD?

YEAH...



I FEEL KINDA BAD. SEEMS LIKE I'M DISTURBING YOU GUYS.

NO, IT'S NOT ANYTHING BIG ANYWAYS.



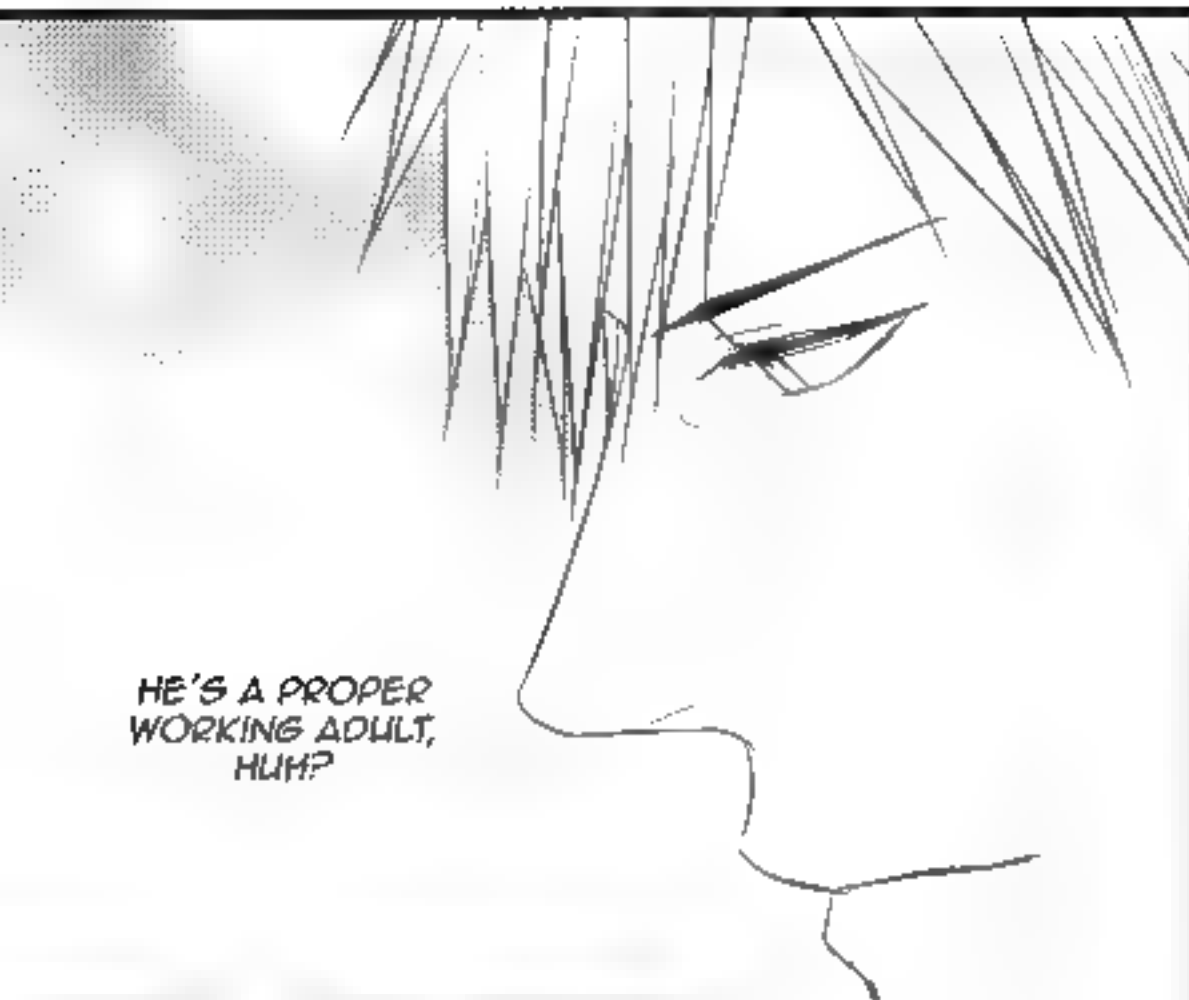
HE'S NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON... RIGHT?

Eh...?

I DON'T PARTICULARLY MIND.

Eh?

IT'S THAT FREELOADER AT YOUR PLACE, RIGHT? IF HE'S FINE WITH IT, I DON'T MIND HIM TAGGING ALONG.



HE'S A PROPER WORKING ADULT, HUHP?



SO HE CAN MAKE A FACE LIKE THAT, TOO...?



Ah, here's my business card.

Thank you very much.



If only
you hadn't
gotten
that
injury.

KUMAGAYA,
IT'S REALLY
A WASTE,
Y'KNOW?

WELL, I'M SOOO
SORRY FOR NOT
MEETING YOUR
EXPECTATIONS.

Haha.



LIKE I SAID, IT
WAS ALWAYS MY
DREAM TO HAVE
A STUDENT OF
MINE STAND ON
THE WINNER'S
PODIUM AT THE
OLYMPICS, AND
SAY, "IT'S ALL
THANKS TO
USAMI-SAN."

COACH,
YOU USED
TO SAY
THAT A LOT
IN THE PAST,
HUH?

WELL, OF
COURSE.
ANYONE
WOULD
THINK THIS
WAY, RIGHT?



You
used to
be more
honest
in the
past!

YOU'RE
SO NOT
CUTE!



IF YOU'D
CONTINUED
ON, BY NOW,
YOU'D BE...



EVEN IF YOUR
STUDENTS HAVE
A BREAKDOWN,
YOU DON'T NEED
TO TEND TO
THEIR MENTAL
CARE.

FROM WHAT
I'VE HEARD SO
FAR, IT DOES
SEEM LIKE YOU
ARE MORE
SUITED TO BE A
SPORT CLUB'S
INSTRUCTOR.

GUYS,
DON'T GET
SO HEATED
UP...

WHETHER A
COACH CAN
HELP THEM
OVERCOME
THESE
PROBLEMS OR
NOT, WOULDN'T
THAT SHOW THE
DIFFERENCE OF
ABILITY
BETWEEN
COACHES?

You...

HEY, HEY...
WHAT'S INO
BLURTING
OUT?

Huh...?

ARE YOU
SAYING THAT
I'M A USELESS
COACH WHO
CAN'T EVEN
CARE FOR MY
STUDENTS'
MENTAL
HEALTH?

HOW NICE OF
YOU TO STILL
BE ABLE TO
GRIN AT A TIME
LIKE THIS.

SO THERE'S A
LOT OF PEOPLE
WHO END UP
PSYCHING
THEMSELVES
OUT.

IN A
WORLD WHERE
FRACTIONS OF
A SECOND
MATTER, IT'S
FATAL IF YOU'RE
MENTALLY WEAK.

I JUST
THOUGHT THAT
IF YOU DID A
BETTER JOB AT
TAKING CARE OF
HIM MENTALLY,
THEN MAYBE
YOUR DREAM
WOULD'VE
CAME TRUE.

WELL...
I GUESS
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

SORRY
KUMAGAYA,
I WAS BEING
INSENSITIVE.

Pat

My
bad.

NO, I
DON'T
MIND.

I'M FINE
TALKING
ABOUT MY
PAST.

silence





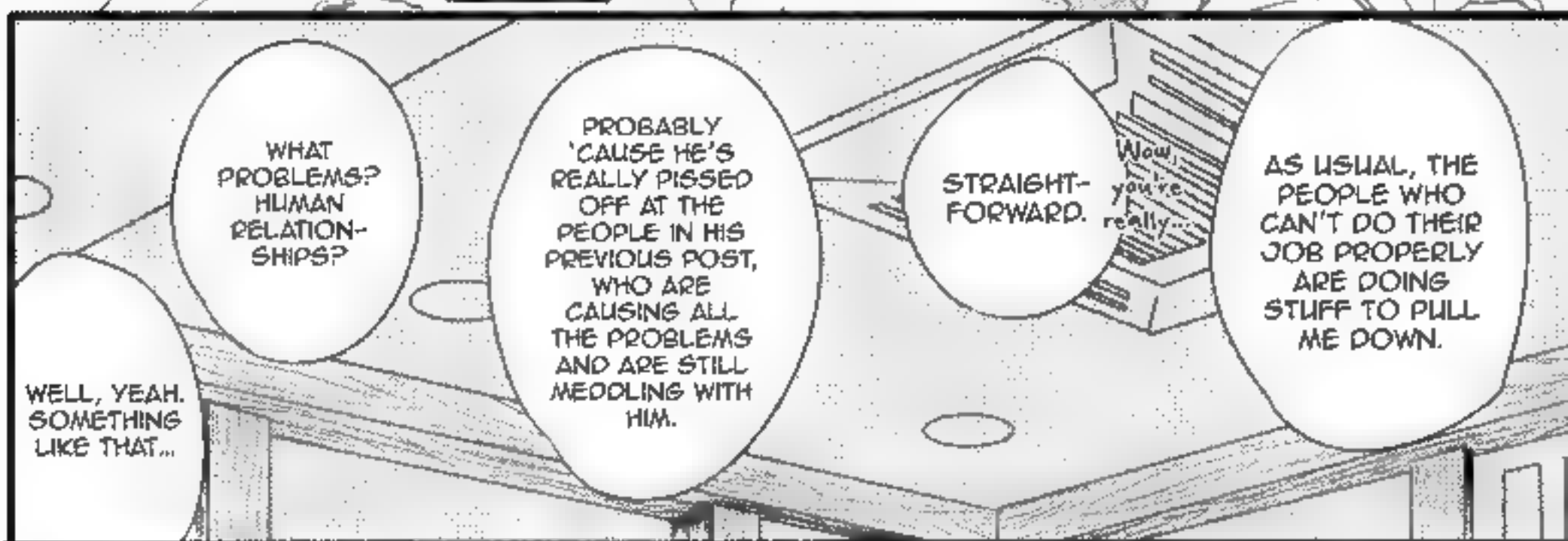
THE ANSWER'S NO.

AH...



IS IT FUN FOR YOU TO LISTEN TO ME STRESS ABOUT WORK?

COME TO THINK OF IT, INO... HOW'S WORK GOING? HAS IT BEEN GOING WELL LATELY?



WHAT PROBLEMS? HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS?

PROBABLY 'CAUSE HE'S REALLY PISSED OFF AT THE PEOPLE IN HIS PREVIOUS POST, WHO ARE CAUSING ALL THE PROBLEMS AND ARE STILL MEDDLING WITH HIM.

STRAIGHT-FORWARD.

Wow, you're really...

AS USUAL, THE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T DO THEIR JOB PROPERLY ARE DOING STUFF TO PULL ME DOWN.

WELL, YEAH. SOMETHING LIKE THAT...



throb



IT'D BE EASY FOR ME TO QUIT.



I see. ISN'T IT TOUGH STAYING IN A COMPANY LIKE THAT? IF IT WERE ME, I'D PROBABLY QUIT RIGHT AWAY.



I CAN
WORRY
ABOUT
QUITTING
LATER.

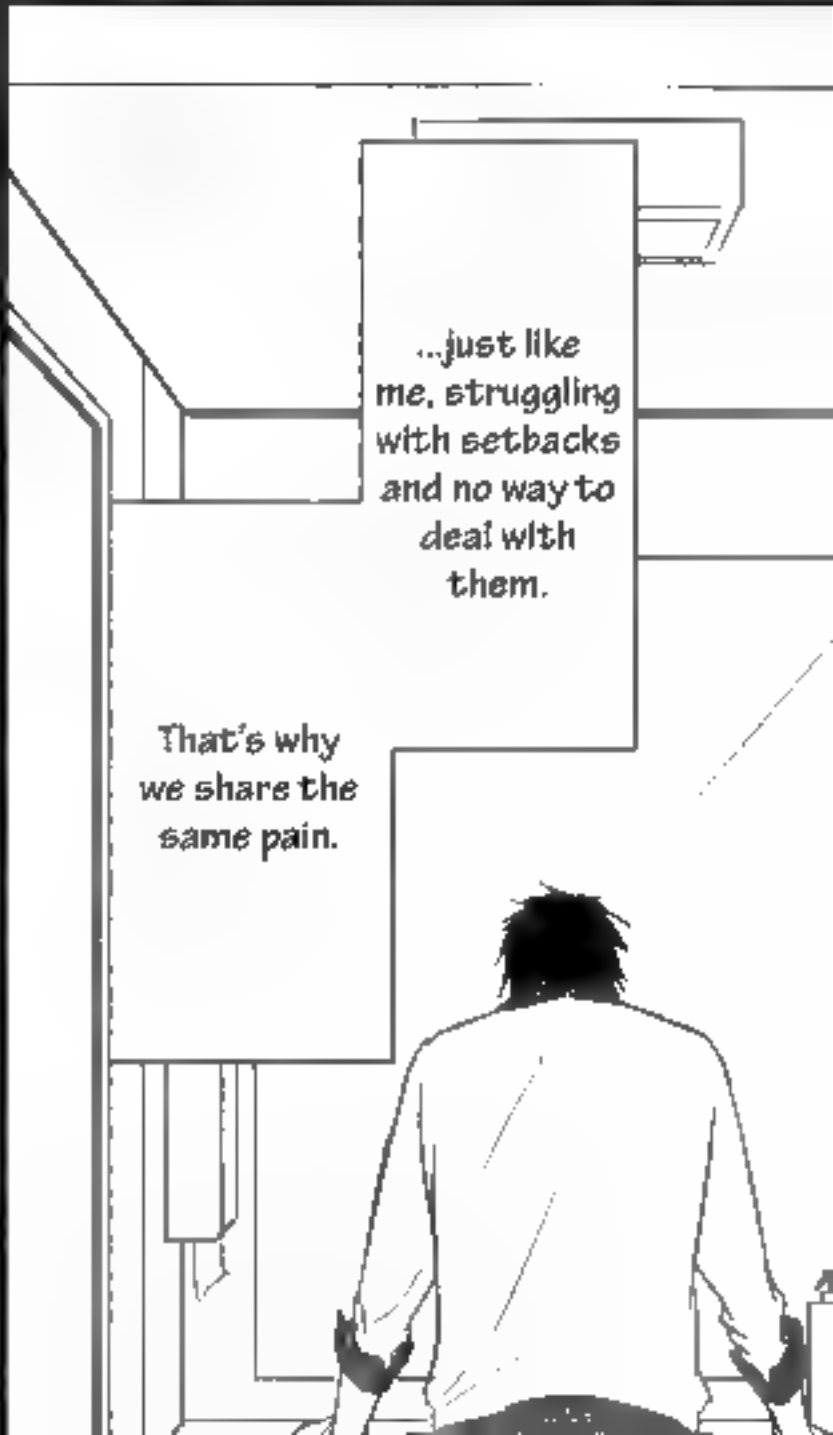
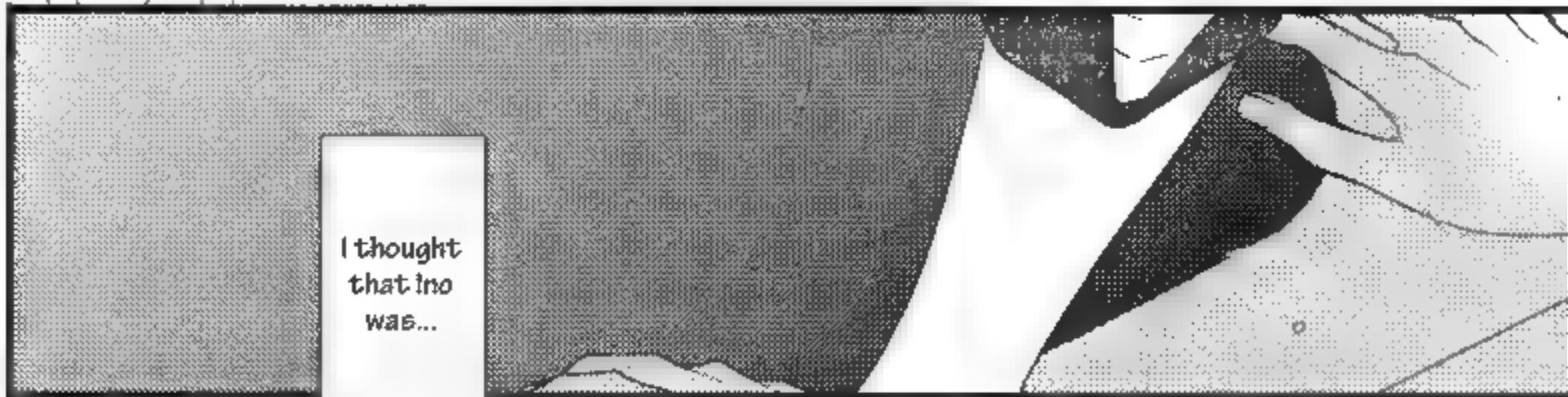
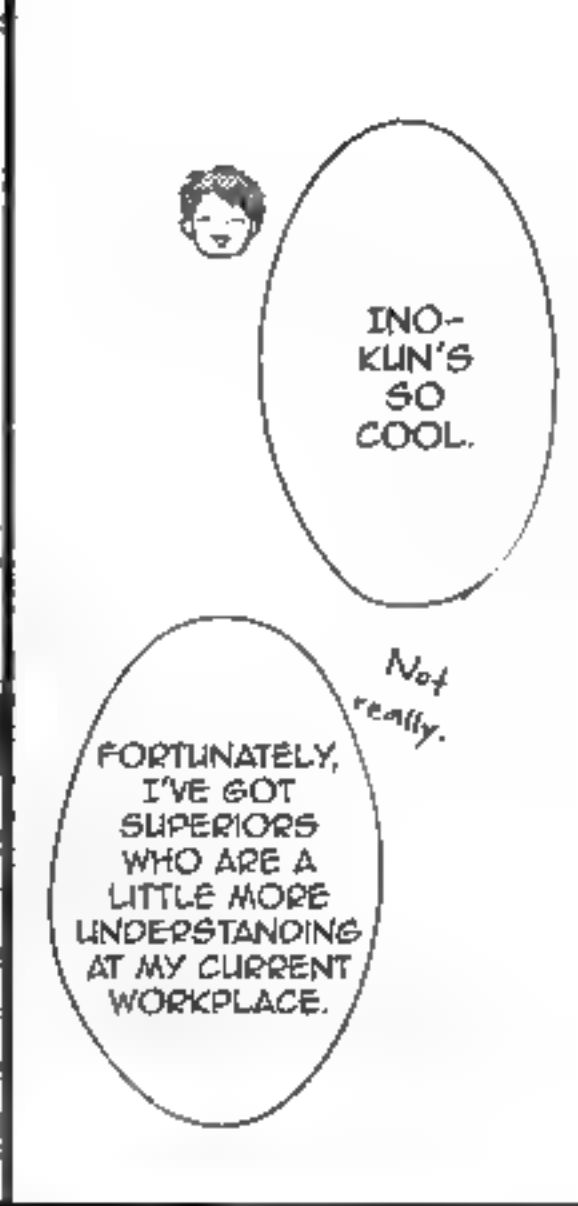
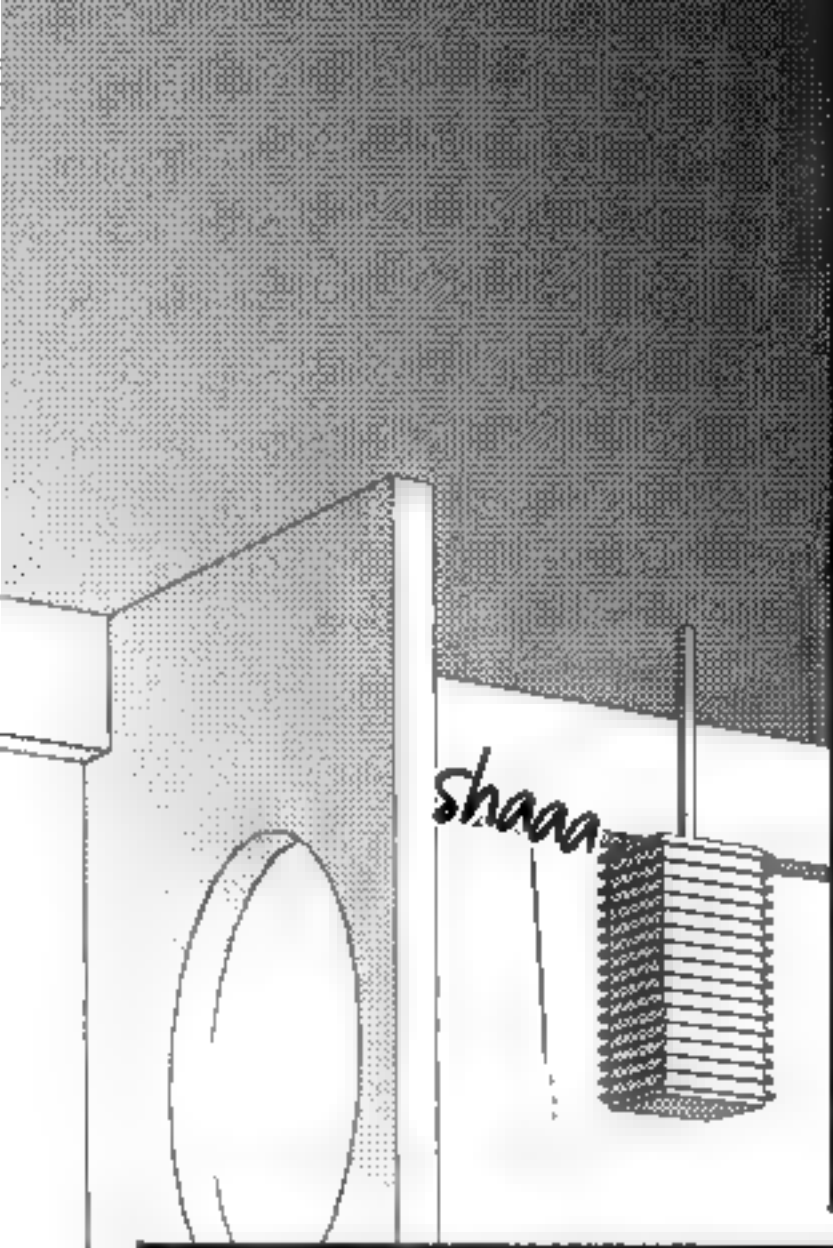
I WANT TO
ASCERTAIN WHAT
I'M LACKING.

IT'S
JUST
THAT...

IF THE REASON
THINGS AREN'T
GOING WELL HAS
TO DO WITH ME,
THEN AS LONG AS
I DON'T FACE THAT
PROBLEM, IN THE
END, THE SAME
THING WILL JUST
REPEAT ITSELF.

THAT WAS
WHAT I
REALIZED.







YOU'RE SO CLOSE WITH KUMAGAYA.

RIGHT NOW, WE'RE JUST...

OLD SCHOOL-MATES.

YOU DON'T RUN AWAY, DO YOU...?



SOMEONE MUST'VE CHANGED HIM, RIGHT?

WEREN'T YOU THE ONE THAT LEFT A MARK ON KUMAGAYA A WHILE BACK?

HE... USED TO LOOK LIKE HE WAS IN PAIN WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT HIS PAST, BUT NOW,

HE'S ABLE TO TALK ABOUT IT LIKE THAT. IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE SPECIAL?

I WONDER ABOUT THAT...? YOU'RE A USELESS COACH AFTER ALL.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN...?



WHEN HE WAS
■ SCHOOL,
HE HAD NO
SEX APPEAL
AND WAS
JUST AN
ATHLETICS
MANIAC,
BUT...

RIGHT NOW
HE'S A
LITTLE
INTRIGUING,
NO?



I'D LIKE
TO LEAVE
SOON...

Are you still
drinking?



SO... WHAT'D
YOU WANT TO
DO? ARE YOU
GOING TO
COME OVER
AGAIN?



EH...? ALREADY?
JUST WHEN INO
AND I WERE
GETTING TO
UNDERSTAND
EACH OTHER
BETTER.

What's
with this
atmosphere?





Alrighty!
Let's go
back to our
home~!

lean

um...

SORRY,
TODAY'S
A LITTLE...



WELL... I JUST
THOUGHT THAT
YOU MIGHT NOT
BE ABLE TO
FALL ASLEEP
AGAIN.

EH?

IT'S NOT
LIKE... I'M
HOPING
IT'LL TURN
OUT LIKE
THE OTHER
DAY...

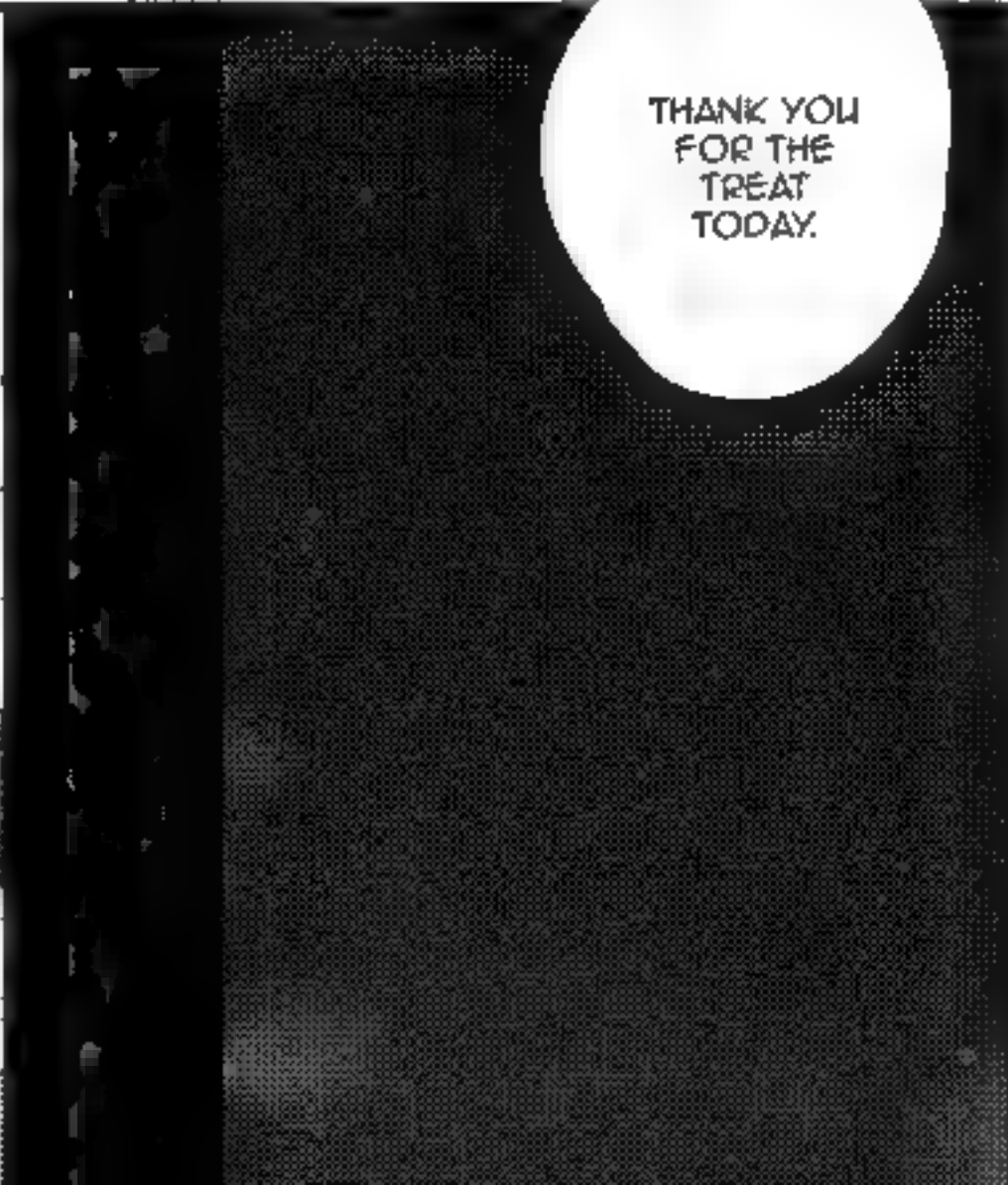
mutter




...OKAY.



shaaaa




THANK YOU
FOR THE
TREAT
TODAY.



THE SIGHT OF
THE SKY THAT
DAY, MAYBE
I NO REALLY
DID SEE IT
DIFFERENTLY
THAN I DID.

IF WE CAN'T WALK
TOGETHER AS EQUALS,
THEN WOULDN'T IT
JUST BE PAINFUL FOR
ME TO BE TOGETHER
WITH HIM?




Face it
without
running
away...
huh?

WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF I
DID THAT?

AFTER ALL THIS
TIME, WHAT IS
THERE FOR ME
TO FACE?

IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN
GO BACK TO THE
UNCHANGABLE
PAST.



IF THAT HAPPENED,
WOULD I JUST
RUN AWAY AGAIN...?



THE CAUSE OF HIS DEMOTION SEEMS TO BE A MISUNDERSTANDING, THOUGH.

DIDN'T HE SAY HE'S HAVING SOME PROBLEMS IN HIS WORKPLACE? WITH HIS ATTITUDE, OF COURSE HE'D BE DEMOTED.

HAHA!

HOW DARING OF HIM TO ARGUE WITH HIS ELDERS.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ABILITIES, MY ASS.

HEY KUMAGAYA, DON'T YOU FEEL THAT IT'S SUFFOCATING BEING WITH THAT GUY?

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP DRINKING? YOU HAVE WORK TOMORROW TOO, RIGHT?

EHP



ARE YOU SIDING WITH HIM BECAUSE YOU'RE DATING HIM?

HUH?!

WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT...

HE SAYS ARROGANT STUFF, AND THE TRUTH IS THAT HE'S JUST USING THAT REASON...

...TO INDULGE HIMSELF WITH A SENSE OF SUPERIORITY.

YOU'RE HAVING HIM COMFORT YOU, RIGHT? THROUGH YOUR BODY.

Wh-!

YANK

SHOVE



ALL THIS
WHILE,
SOMEWHERE
IN MY HEART,
I COULDN'T
ACCEPT IT.

IT'S
TRUE
THAT...

...IT'S
EASIER TO
JUST STOP
THINKING
AND RUN
AWAY.

AND
I WAS
INDEED
SAVED BY
YOUR
WORDS.

HOWEVER, ARE
YOU THAT GOOD
YOURSELF THAT
YOU CAN DENY
INO'S WAY OF
LIVING?



KUMA-
GAYA...

clack



KUMAGAYA!

The
truth
is I...



...HE
DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING...

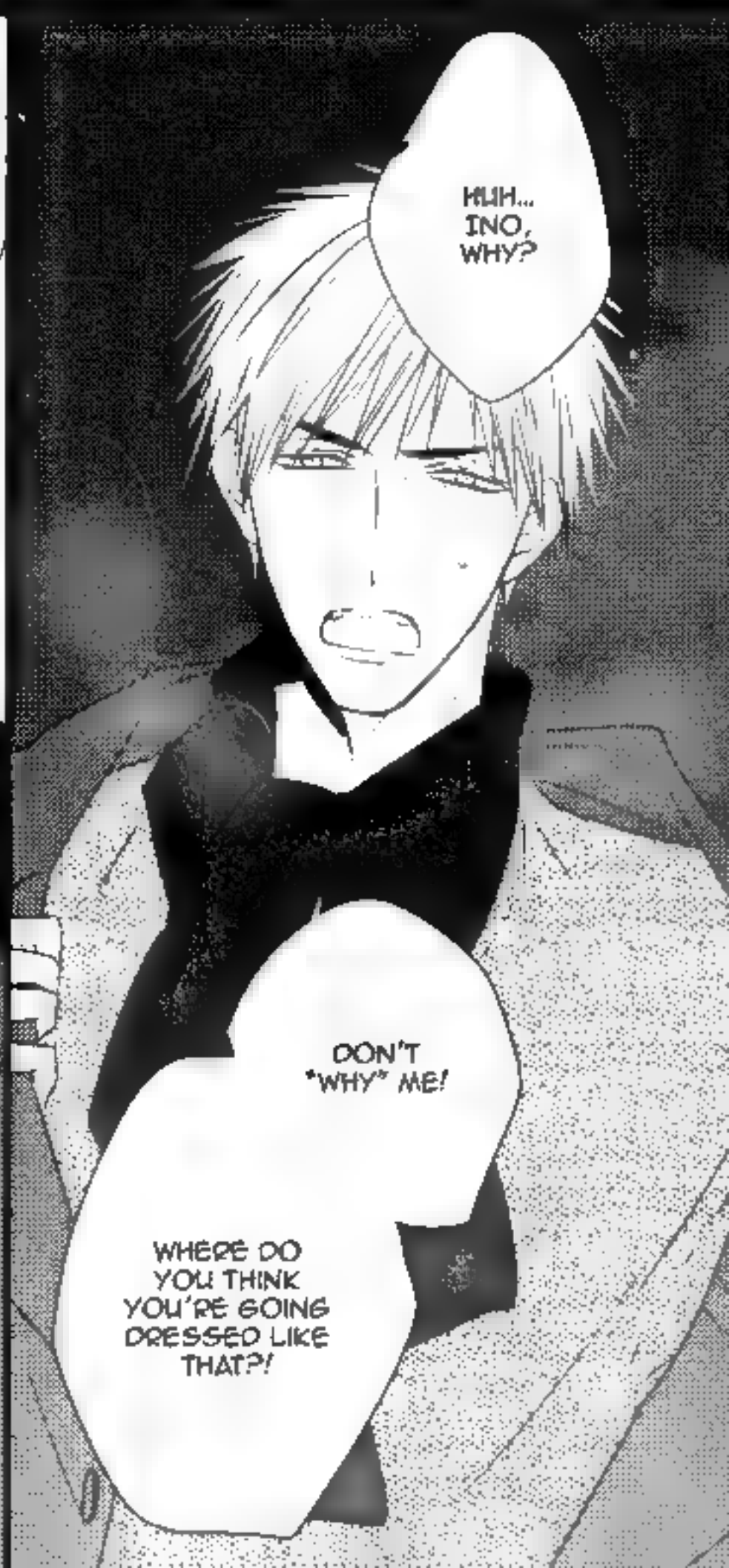


AAH, NO... I
JUST FELT
BLOOD
RUSHING
TO MY
HEAD.

Huh?!

COULD
IT BE THAT
MAN DID
SOMETHING
TO YOU...?


rustle



HUH...
INO,
WHY?

DON'T
"WHY" ME!

WHERE DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE GOING
DRESSED LIKE
THAT?!



AM I NOT
ALLOWED
TO...?

ANYWAY...
WHAT'S
WITH YOU?

ALWAYS
APPEARING
AT THE RIGHT
MOMENT.

HE
FEELS
COLD

HOW LONG WAS HE
HERE? THIS "IDIOT."

HEY,
INO...

Squeeze

BECAUSE YOU
THOUGHT THAT
I'D GET HURT
BY HIM...?


AND DID
YOU LASH
OUT AT
HIM...

BECAUSE
YOU WERE
WORRIED
ABOUT WHAT
KIND OF
PERSON
USAMI-SAN
IS?

WAS THE
REASON
YOU ATE
DINNER
WITH US...



HEY, JUST
HOW IN LOVE
WITH ME ARE
YOU...?



YOU WERE PROBABLY THINKING ABOUT USELESS THINGS, AND INTENDED TO PRETEND THAT NOTHING HAPPENED BETWEEN US AT ALL, RIGHT...?

IF IT'S YOU WE'RE TALKING ABOUT...


drip

squatch



IF YOU MAKE SUCH A FACE IN FRONT OF ME, I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO ANYMORE

SHUT UP! I CAN'T HELP IT.



I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO GET BACK UP MYSELF AFTER BEING KNOCKED DOWN.

THE TRUTH IS, I

WANT TO BE LIKE YOU, TOO



YOU WERE
THE ONE WHO
TAUGHT ME
THAT.



I DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND
SUCH A
SIMPLE
THING.

AND I NEVER
TOOK OTHERS'
FEELINGS INTO
CONSIDERATION,
SO OF COURSE
NOTHING WOULD
GO WELL.

I WAS
IRRITATED THAT
THE PEOPLE
AROUND ME
WOULDN'T ACT
THE WAY I
WANTED THEM
TO.



BUT AFTER
MEETING
KUMAGAYA...



ACKNOWLEDGE
THE FACT THAT
I'VE NEVER
FACED SOMEONE
ELSE SERIOUSLY
BEFORE.

I HAD NO
CHOICE BUT TO
ACKNOWLEDGE
IT.

I BECAME
SO FIXATED
ON WHAT YOU
WERE THINKING,
AND WHAT
YOU THOUGHT
OF ME...

AND I WAS
WORRIED
BECAUSE I
DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT
TO DO...



ONCE YOU DO
THAT, WHETHER
YOU LIKE IT OR
NOT, YOU'LL
START TO MOVE
FORWARD.

RUNNING
FROM...

THE THINGS THAT
YOU LIKE. YOU
JUST HAVE TO
ADMIT THAT YOU
LIKE THEM.

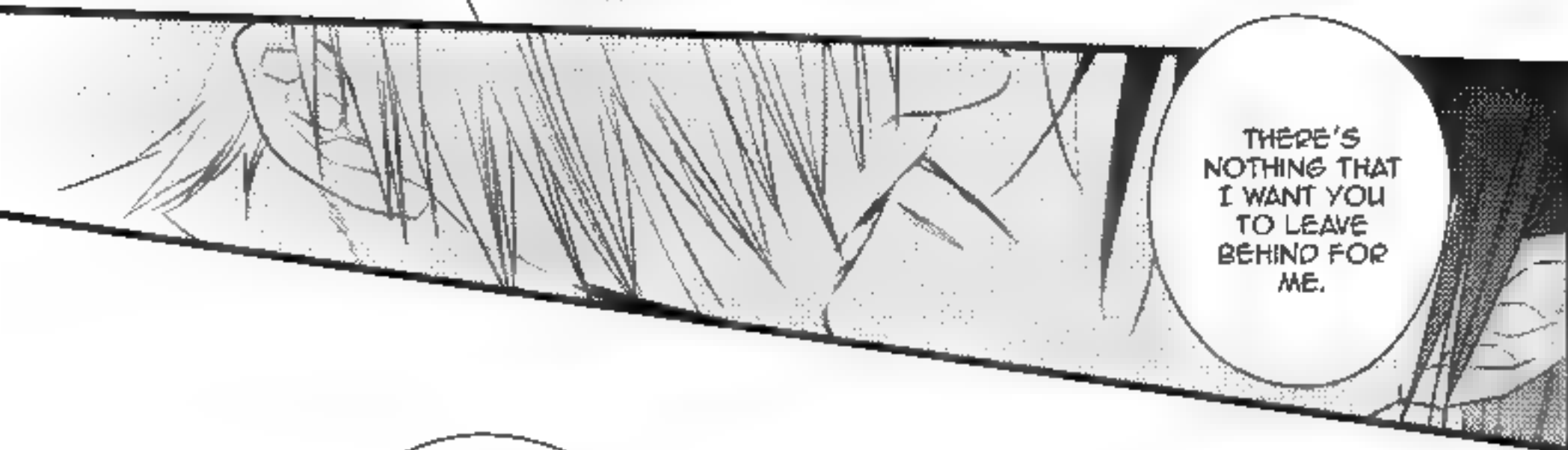
YOU JUST
HAVE TO
ACKNOWLEDGE
IT YOURSELF,
TOO.



BUT IF I
ADMIT IT,
THEN... I
CAN'T BE
FRIENDS
WITH YOU
ANYMORE,

LET
ALONE
FAMILY.

EVEN IF WE'RE
FINE NOW, IN
THE FUTURE, I
DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING TO
LEAVE BEHIND
FOR YOU.



THERE'S
NOTHING THAT
I WANT YOU
TO LEAVE
BEHIND FOR
ME.

IF YOU WANT
TO OFFER ME
SOMETHING, THEN
YOU, YOURSELF,
ARE ENOUGH.

PROBABLY...

AFTER TELLING HIM EVERYTHING THAT I WAS BOTTLING INSIDE,

Ah...

AFTER KISSING HIM, AND AFTER THE
MOMENT I FORGAVE MY HEART,

GRIP

Ee!

badump

Ugh!

NO...

STOP...!

DON'T
CUM YET.

JUST LIKE ROLLING DOWN A SLOPE, I COULDN'T STOP THE ME THAT WAS ATTRACTED TO INO.



thrust

thrust

Ah!

I...

Ah...

CAN'T CUM
ANYMORE...!

squelch

squelch

thrust

Haa

INO...

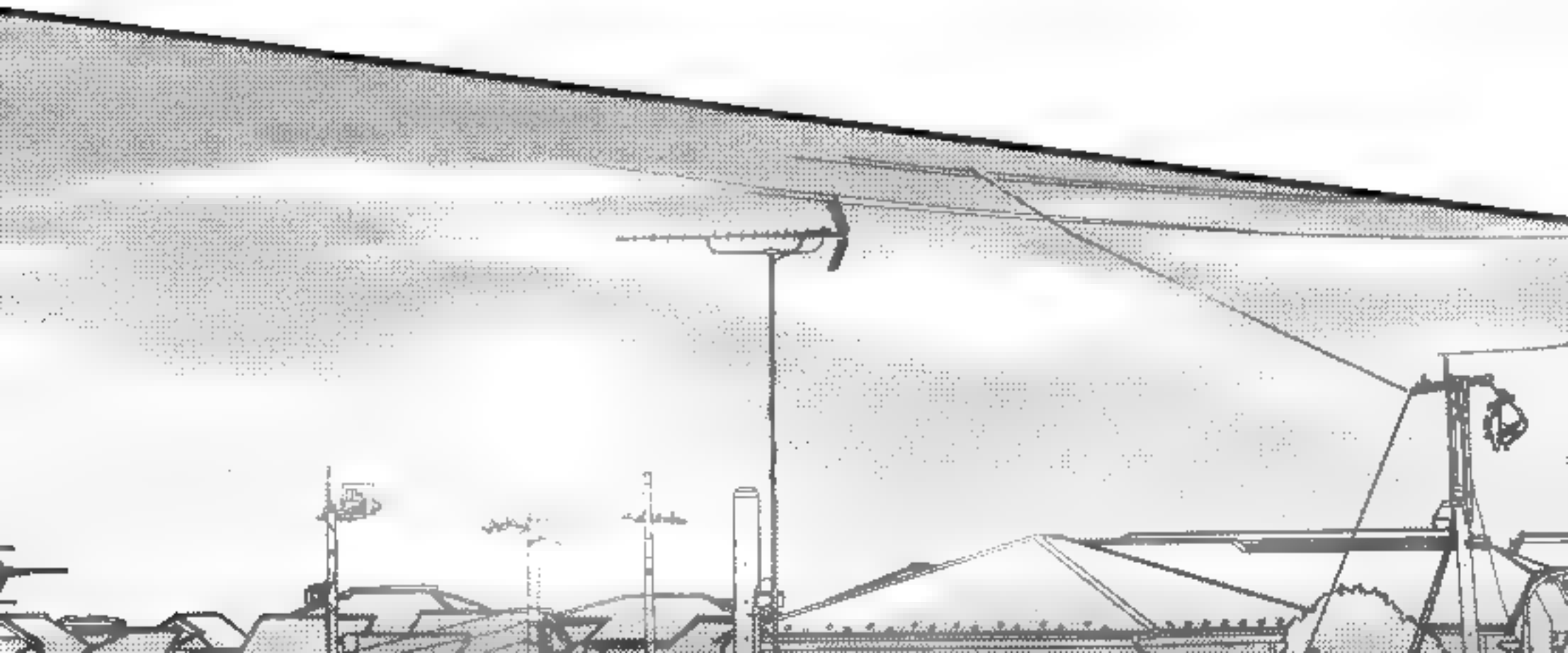
Haa

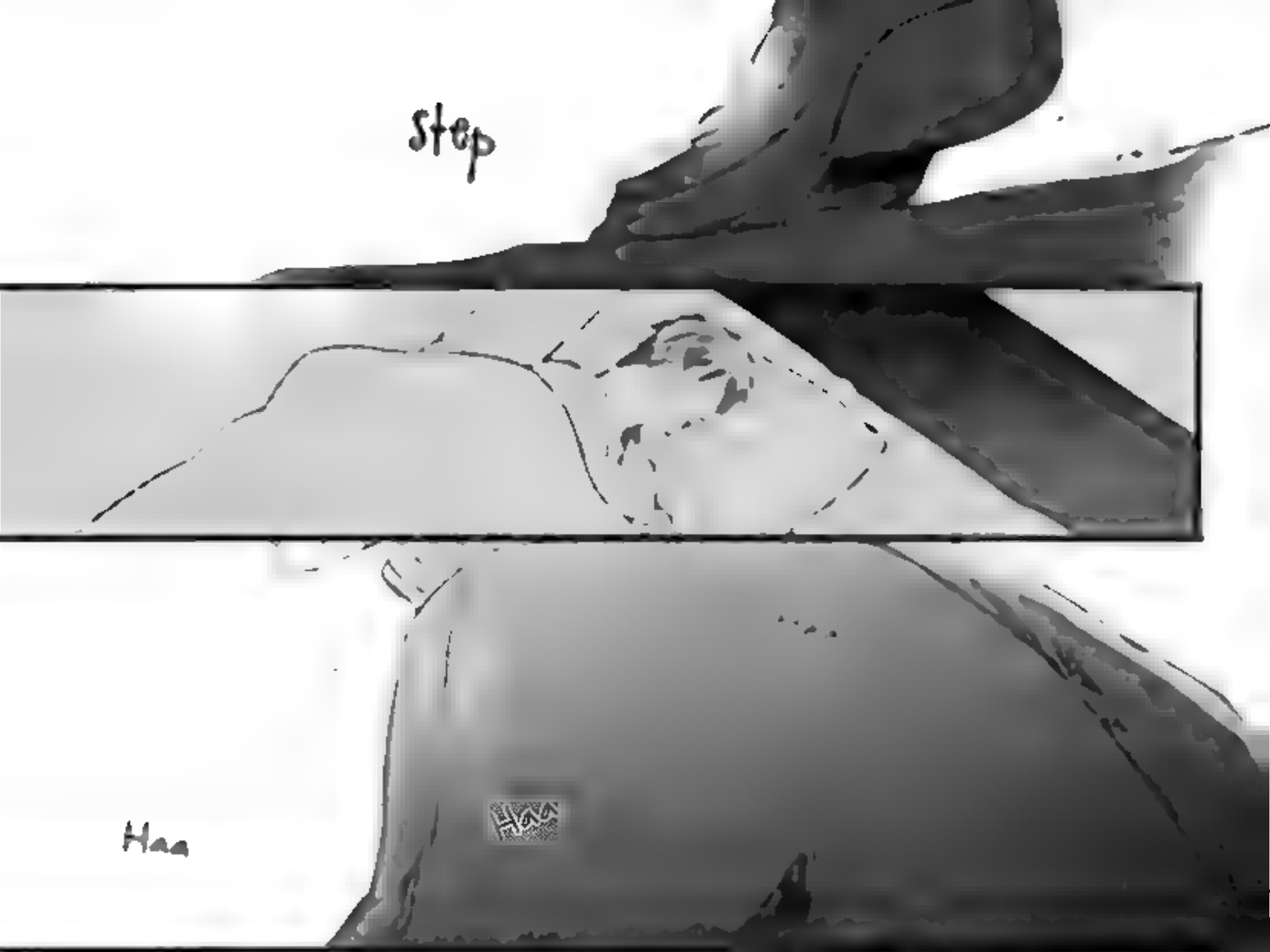
THE INSIDE OF MY
HEAD FEELS
NUMB.

WAS SEX
ALWAYS THIS
GOOD?



DOES IT FEEL THIS
GOOD BECAUSE
IT'S FILLED WITH
EMOTION...?







FRANKLY
SPEAKING,
THERE'S A
THING CALLED
"BOUNDARIES."

Well...

IT WAS
PRETTY
IMMATURE
OF ME.

I'M
REALLY
SORRY!

Eat all
you like.

JUST FORGIVE
ME AND THINK
OF IT AS JUST
NONSENSE FROM
A DRUNKARD!

D E N



YAY! I'M SO
GLAD YOU'LL
FORGIVE ME!

SINCE YOU
FINALLY SAID
YOU'RE GOING
BACK, I'LL
FORGET
ABOUT IT.



AND ALSO...
I'M SORRY
THAT I DIDN'T
SAVE YOU
THAT TIME.

And you
should do
something
about your
bad drinking
habits as
well.

Yeah.

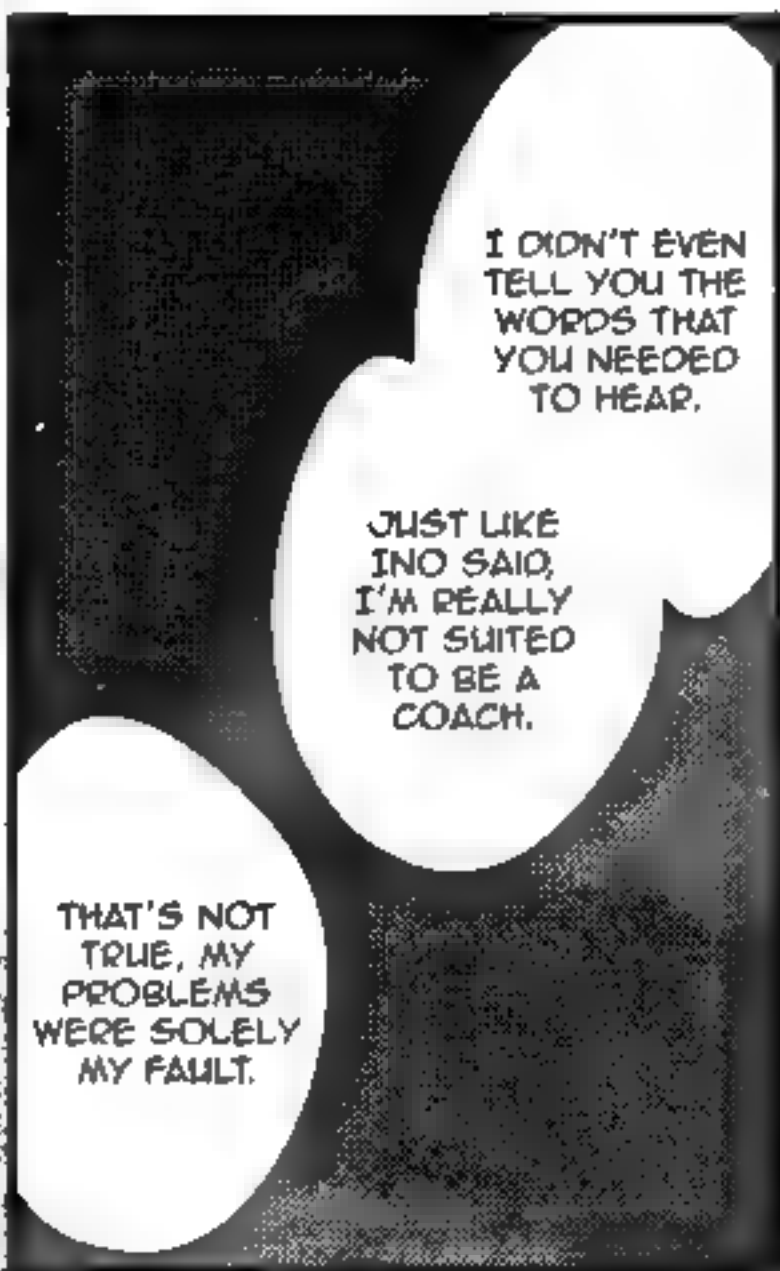
PLEASE
DON'T GET
CHASED OUT
AGAIN.

I'VE REALLY
BEEN IN YOUR
CARE,
KUMAGAYA.



I UNDERSTAND
THAT YOU THINK
ABOUT ME
SERIOUSLY,
SO...

I'M REALLY
GRATEFUL
TO YOU.



I DIDN'T EVEN
TELL YOU THE
WORDS THAT
YOU NEEDED
TO HEAR.

JUST LIKE
INO SAID,
I'M REALLY
NOT SUITED
TO BE A
COACH.

THAT'S NOT
TRUE, MY
PROBLEMS
WERE SOLELY
MY FAULT.



munch

Hey!
Don't
eat my
food!

It'll be a
waste if it
gets cold,
right?

IT SEEMS
A WEIGHT'S
BEEN LIFTED
FROM HIS
HEART.





AH.



Take your time and eat.

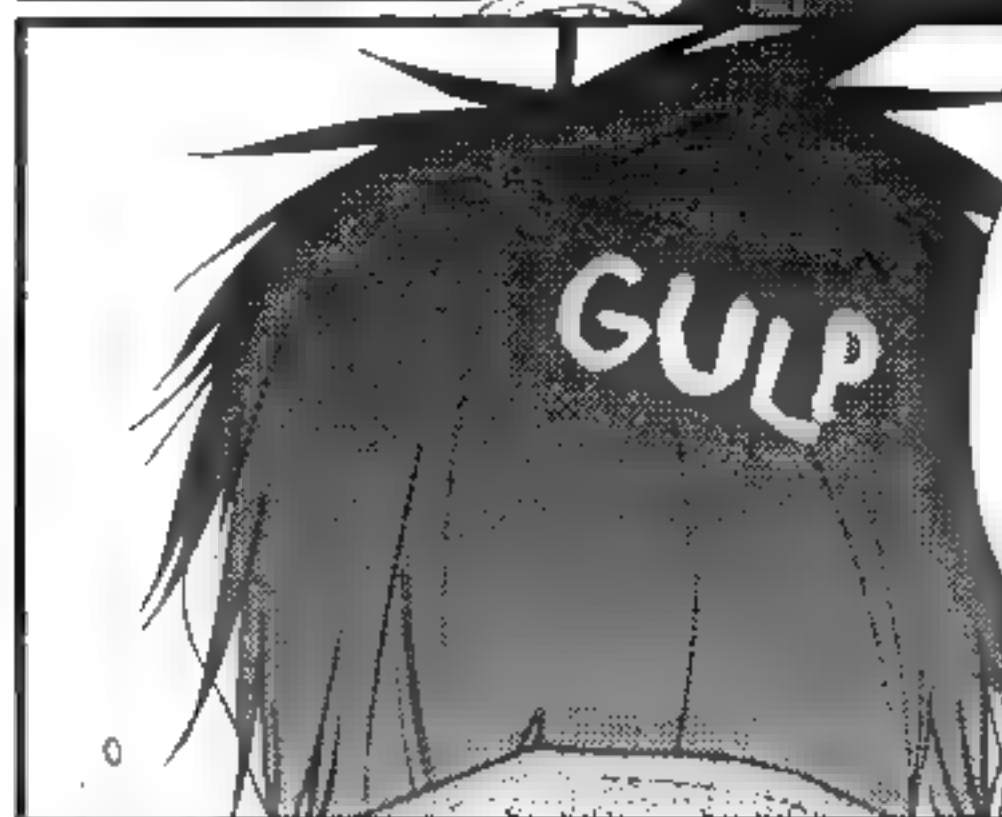
WELL, LIFE'S LONG, SO THINK ABOUT IT SLOWLY.

OKAY, I SHOULD BE GOING SOON.

Haruharu

MAYBE YOU'D BE BETTER SUITED TO BE A COACH. WHY DON'T YOU TRY PURSUING THAT ROAD?

OH, NO. SOMEONE AS GLOOMY AS ME, WHO LOCKED HIMSELF IN FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND WHO FORGOT ABOUT THE JOY OF RUNNING?



GULP

I'M NOT GOING TO PRY INTO THE DETAILS ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU TWO AND BE ALL INSENSITIVE ABOUT IT, BUT, WELL, HAVE FUN WITH HIM.

Whisper



I DON'T THINK IT'S BAD

WHAT HE JUST SAID.

THAT WAS UNNECESSARY...





Huh?

Point

YOUR CRISIS
MANAGEMENT
SKILLS ARE
TOO WEAK
AFTER ALL!

ALSO,
DON'T EVER
LET THAT
GUY IN YOUR
HOUSE
AGAIN.

Even
you...?

I DON'T HAVE
THE SKILLS
TO BE ABLE
TO TEACH
SOMEONE
ELSE NOR
AM I CLEVER
ENOUGH TO
DO SO.

IF YOU
SAY SUCH
COMPLACENT
THINGS,
YOU'LL BE AN
OLD MAN IN
THE BLINK OF
AN EYE...



NAG

In the
first
place,
don't let
him touch
you so
casually.

NAG

Same
goes for
Kameyama.

PFFT



G

WHAT'S
SO
FUNNY...?

NO... I JUST
THOUGHT THAT
YOU'RE SUCH
A CUTE GUY.

Hahaha!

NAG

Are you
alright?

"I WANT TO WALK NEXT TO HIM."

We've never
exchanged
even a
single word
of love to
each other,
but...

...we probably
share that
same feeling.

AH.

MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
YOU SHOULD
HURRY UP AND
TELL ME YOUR
PHONE NUMBER
ALREADY.

END

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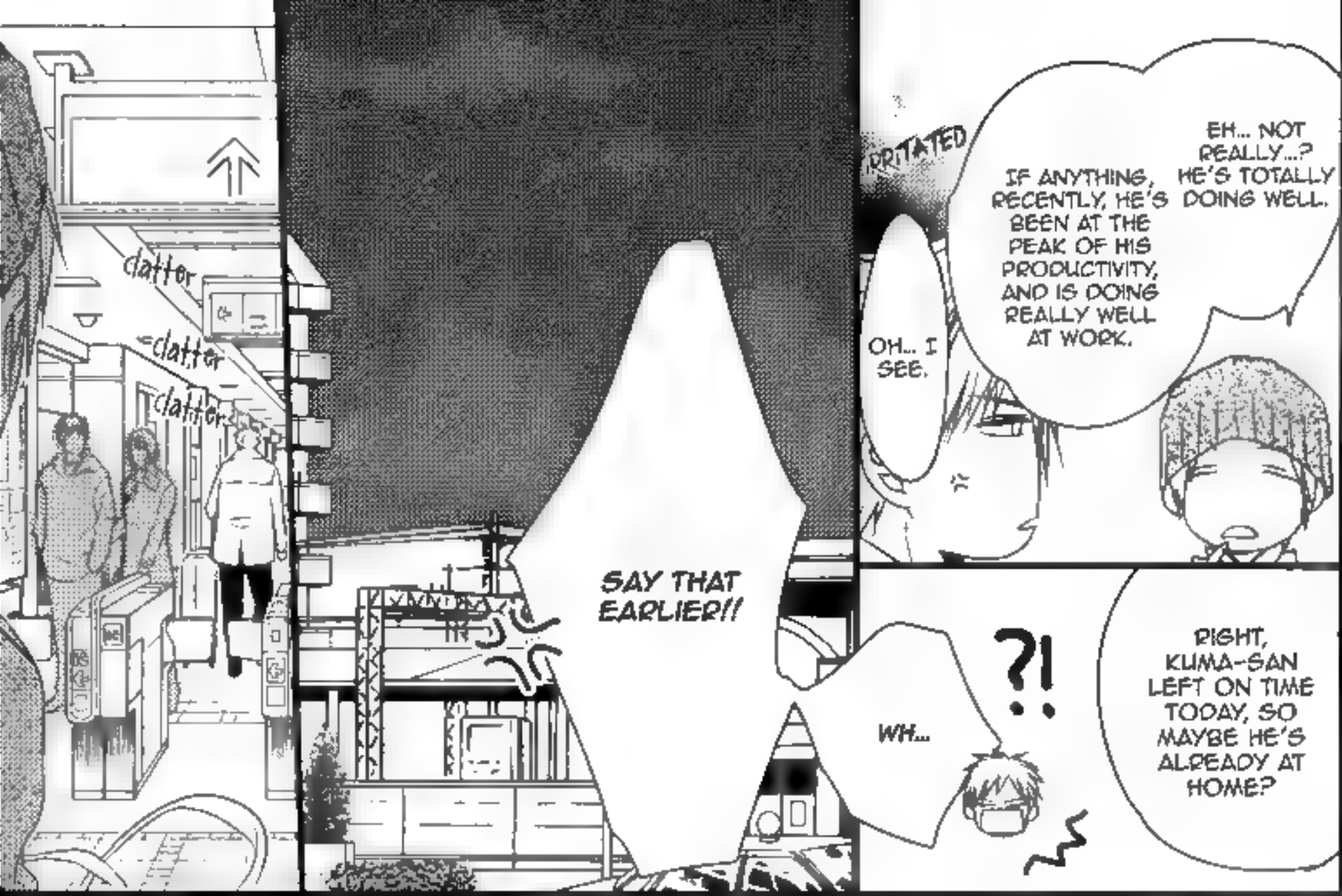
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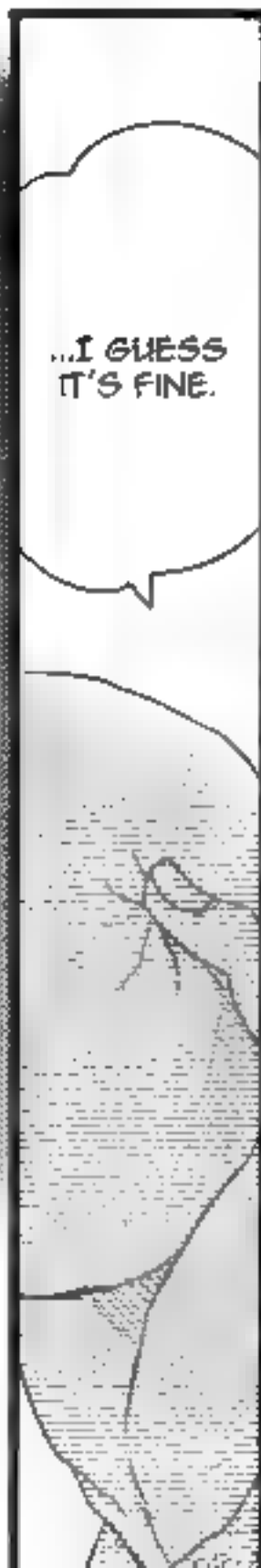
That definitely means I'm dear to you.







SINCE
KUMA-SAN
SEEMS LIKE
HE'S HAVING
FUN.



clatter
clatter

clatter

RINGGGGG
clatter
clatter

clatter

HUH...?
WHO'S
THIS?

clatter

IT'S
ME.

YES?

RINGGGGG

WHY DO
I HAVE TO
CONTACT HIM
FIRST?

EVEN
THOUGH I
TOLD HIM TO
GIVE ME HIS
NUMBER, HE
DOESN'T
CONTACT ME
AT ALL

DAMN, THAT
KUMAGAYA...

Calling:
Kumagaya
090-XXXX

PISSED

YOU'RE STILL
ON YOUR
BUSINESS
TRIP, RIGHT?

IT FEELS
LIKE IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE SINCE
I HEARD
YOUR LOUD
VOICE.

YOU'RE AS
ARROGANT
AS ALWAYS,
HUH?

PFFT

Has it
been 10
days
already?

COULD
THIS BE INO
BY ANY
CHANCE?

I CAN ONLY
THINK OF ONE
PERSON WHO'D
USE SUCH A
FORCEFUL,
ROUGH TONE
RIGHT FROM
THE START.

"BY ANY
CHANCE" MY
ASS! IT'S
ME!!

You're
doing this
on purpose
right?



WAIT,
THAT'S
NOT IT!
THE TRUTH
IS I CAME
BACK ONE
DAY
EARLIER...

SHOOT!
YURIKO
ESCAPED.



WHERE
AM I, YOU
ASK. I JUST
ARRIVED AT
YOUR
PLACE?

WHO WAS IT
THAT TOLD
ME TO TAKE
CARE OF
YURIKO
WHILE YOU
WERE AWAY?

AH... IT
WAS ME.
SORRY TO
TROUBLE
YOU.



mutter

I HEARD
THAT YOU
WERE HAVING
FUN WHILE I
WASN'T
HERE.

mutter

HUH?
WHAT? I
COULDN'T
HEAR YOU
PROPERLY.

WHERE
ARE YOU
RIGHT
NOW?



I'VE BEEN
TREATING
HER GENTLER
THAN EVER
BEFORE
THOUGH.

HEY,
KUMAGAYA!
DON'T TREAT
HER TOO
ROUGHLY!

*Caught
her!!*
GEEZ...
SHE'S ■
NIMBLE
ONE.

worry worry

OUCH!
DAMN!

clatter

HEY,
WAIT...



YOU SHOULD
AT LEAST SEND
ME A MESSAGE
ON LINE OR
SOMETHING.

WE'RE...

...NOT
JUST
FRIENDS
ANYMORE
AFTER
ALL...



AH, MY
BAD, I
INTERRUPTED
YOU
HALFWAY.

WHAT
WERE YOU
GOING
TO SAY?

NOTHING
MUCH...



IF YOU'RE LONELY, THEN JUST GIVE ME A CALL.

DON'T YOU JUST COME INTO MY HOUSE ON YOUR OWN ACCORD AND STUFF ANYWAYS? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO SHOW RESTRAINT ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

SO I REALLY AM DATING INO, HUH? SERIOUSLY...

DON'T LIE, YOU JUST FORGOT, DIDN'T YOU?

AND AFTER EXCHANGING PHONE NUMBERS, YOU WERE ALL OVER THE PLACE PREPARING FOR YOUR BUSINESS TRIP, RIGHT?

I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE BUSY.

AH... YEAH, I GUESS.



I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO CALL ME.






NO, IT
WASN'T
FUNNY.

THAT WAS
YOUR CUE
TO LAUGH.

creak



THOUGH IN
THE END I
COULDN'T
RESIST, SO
I ENDED UP
CALLING
YOU.

Haha.

blush




DESPITE
BEING
INO...

DON'T
SAY SUCH
CUTE
THINGS.




IT FEELS
WEIRD TALKING
TO YOU ON
THE PHONE.

ANY-
WAYS...



WHAT'S...
WEIRD ABOUT
IT?



EVEN THOUGH
IT'S A VOICE
THAT I'M USED
TO HEARING...



NO,
NOTHING.

DID YOU
WANT TO
HEAR MY
VOICE THAT
BADLY?

HMM.



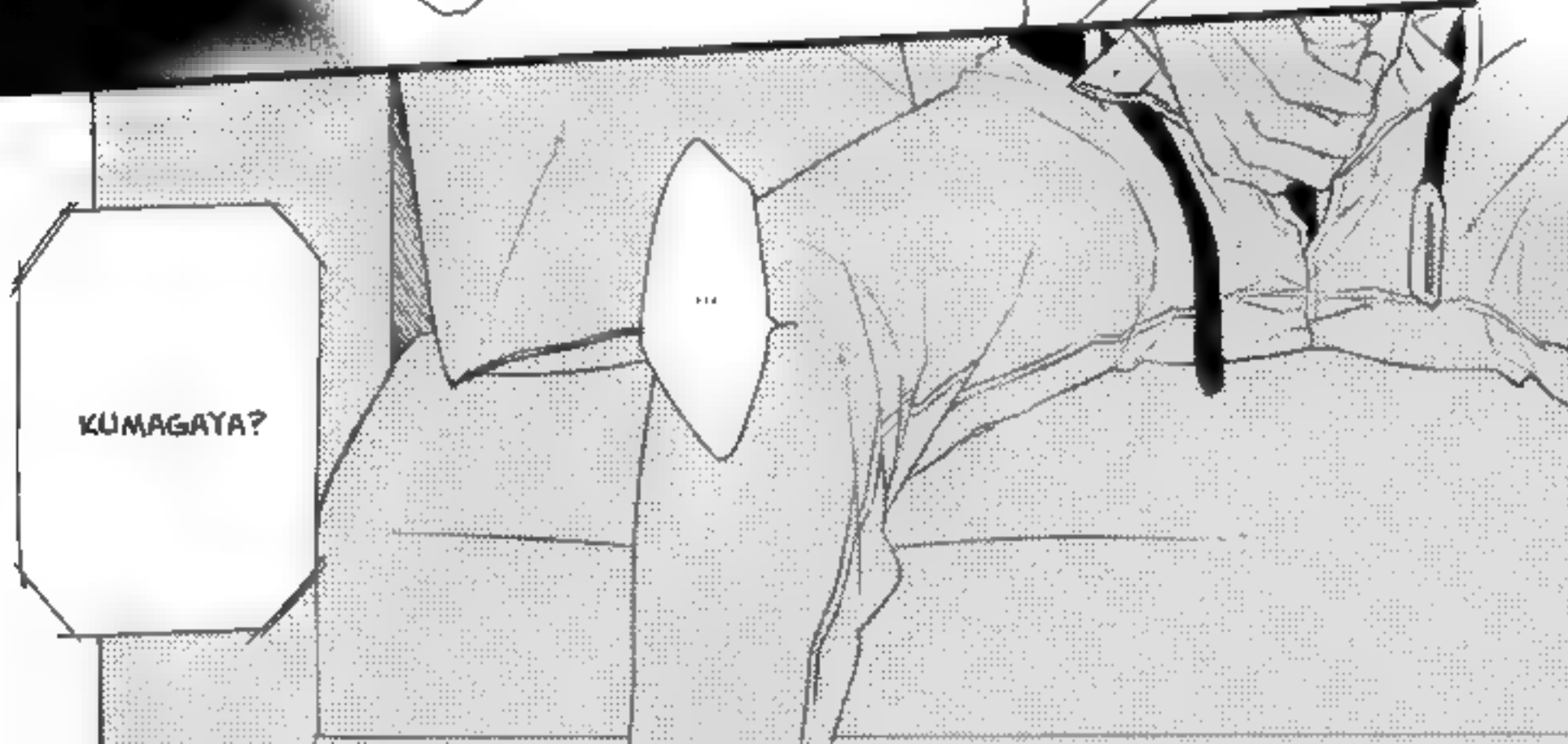
WELL...
YEAH, I
DID.

Is that
DON'T GO
ACTING ALL
EMBARRASSED.
IT'LL DRIVE ME
INSANE.

Haa



KUMAGAYA?



NOTHING...

HEY, SAY
SOMETHING.

clatter

clatter

clatter

clatter

I
KNOW.

I ONLY HAVE
BORING WORK
STUFF TO
WHINE ABOUT,
Y'KNOW?

Haa

I'M
FINE
WITH
THAT.

Haa

ARE YOU
OKAY?
YOU SEEM
WEIRDLY
OUT OF
BREATH...

OI...
YOU...

clatter

squelch



TRRR
TRRR



HUH...?



Haa



Haa

HEARING
YOUR
VOICE...

MNN...!

AFTER
SUCH A
LONG
TIME...



...IS MAKING
ME HARD.




drip





HOW
ABOUT YOU
CONTINUE?

AH...?



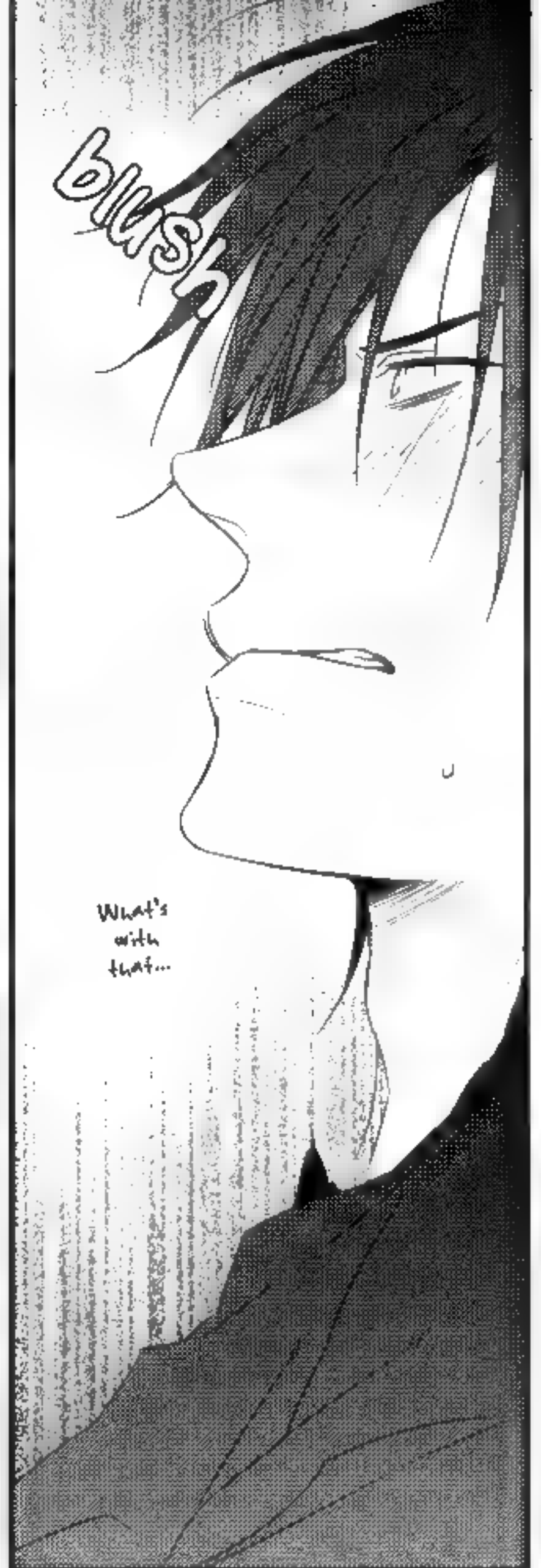
DON'T HIDE
IT, YOU WERE
STILL IN THE
MIDDLE OF
IT, RIGHT?

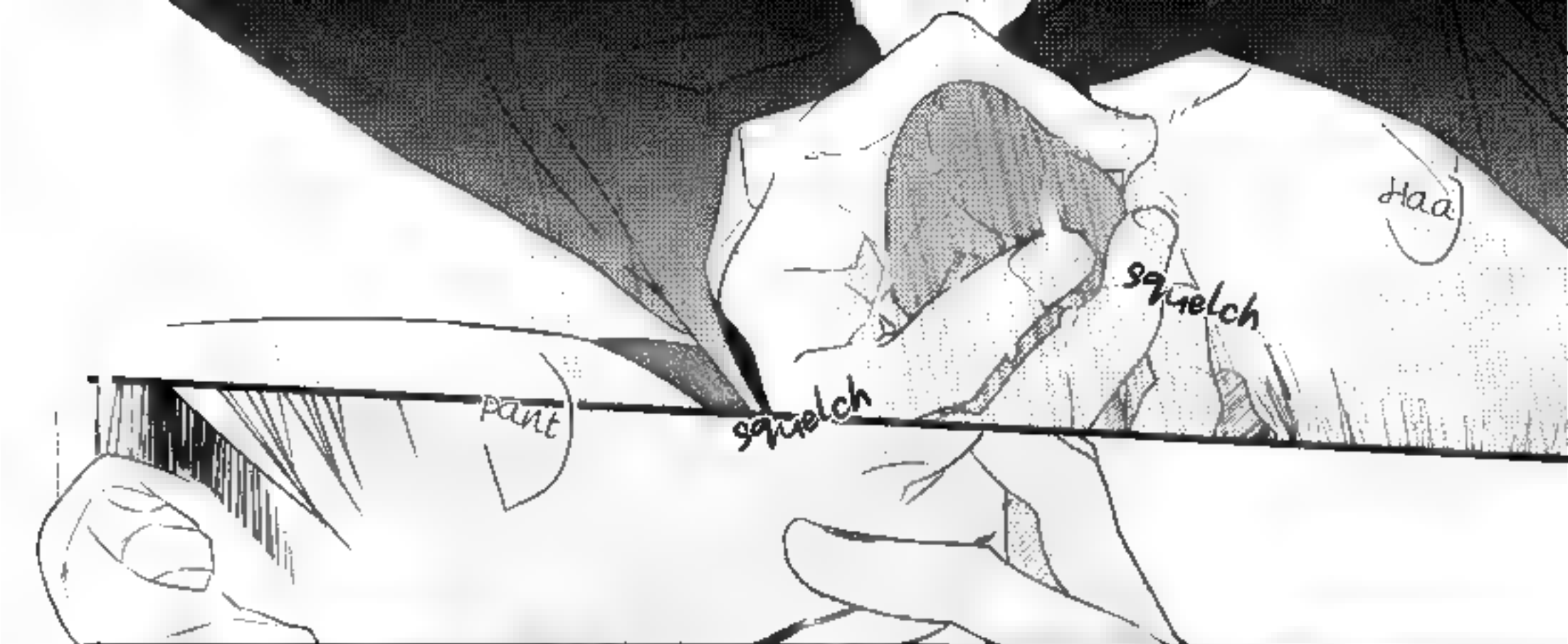


KUMAGAYA.

I'M TELLING
YOU TO SHOW
ME YOUR FACE
AS YOU CLIM.

It's your
punishment for
making me call
you first.







IT'S THE
SAME FOR
YOU, TOO,
RIGHT...?

I'LL GET
LIKE THIS
JUST FROM
HEARING
YOUR
VOICE.

...IT'S
TRUE
THAT...

I MADE
FUN OF YOU
EARLIER,
BUT...

grab



I'M
CUMMING...

shudder

shudder

AH...
DAMN...

splurt

splurt



twitch

Haa

Haa

Haa

drip

GEEZ...

Haa

Haa

YOU MADE
ME MISS THE
IMPORTANT
SCENE.

squirt

squelch

squelch

pant

IN THAT
CASE... WHY
DON'T YOU
MAKE ME CUM
AGAIN?

I'M STILL
UNSATISFIED,
AFTER ALL.



YOU'RE
BULGING SO
MUCH HERE,
HUH?

AH...
BUT,

YOU MIGHT
BE THE ONE
WHO'LL
CUM FIRST
THOUGH.

OVER
HERE,
TOO...

slip



DON'T
THINK
YOU'LL
GET ANY
SLEEP.

I HAVE
WORK
TOMORROW!

STIRRING
ME UP
LIKE
THIS...

Damn.

flump

END

It's my second comic by Dear plus-san.
Thank you for picking up this book!

It was very fun drawing this as it's a story that includes many of the things I like.
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